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TO SIR FRANCIS B. HEAD, BART. &c. &c.

ON

HIS RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

OF

UPPER CANADA.

TORONTO:
R. STANTON, Printer to the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.
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The Lieutenant Governor takes this opportunity to communicate to the Legislative Council, that having had the misfortune to differ from Her Majesty's Government on one or two points of Colonial policy, he felt it his duty, on the 10th of September last, respectfully to tender to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the resignation of the important station, which for a short time, he has had the honor to hold in this Province.

His resignation having been graciously accepted, the Lieutenant Governor has to inform the Legislative Council, that he yesterday received official information that Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint Colonel Sir George Arthur, to be Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, and that His Excellency may be expected to arrive here in a few days.

Under the peculiar circumstances in which the Province is at present placed, the Lieutenant Governor feels confident, that the Legislative Council will rejoice with him at the approaching arrival of an Officer of high character and considerable experience, whose rank in the Army will enable him to combine the Military command with the Civil Government of this Province.

Government House,
15th January, 1838.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg to return our respectful thanks to Your Excellency for communicating to us the fact, which is at this crisis particularly important, that by the regulations of Her Majesty's Service the command of the Troops, and of the Militia employed in defence of this Province, cannot be united in Your Excellency's person with the administration of the Civil Government.

If Your Excellency were to continue to represent Her Majesty in this Colony, we are persuaded, that under present circumstances, such a separation of the Civil power from the Military Command would be likely to lead to very unfortunate results, since military rank and experience, although they are by no means incompatible with the peculiar qualifications which are requisite to give confidence, animation and effect, to the Military Force, are not always to be found united with them.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that we learn with extreme regret, that the Civil Government of this Province is to continue for so short a time in Your Excellency's charge. It is not known to us upon what particular points Your Excellency's views have differed so essentially from those of Her Majesty's Government, that Your Excellency was induced to tender your resignation; but we know, that at no period in the history of Upper Canada has its political condition been such as ought to be more satisfactory to the Ministers of the Crown: and we feel that not Upper Canada only, but the Empire, owes to Your Excellency a large debt of gratitude, for your firm and manly avowal, upon all occasions, of those sentiments which became the Representative of a British Monarch, and for the unwavering support which Your Excellency has never failed to give to the established principles of the Constitution.

It is this fearless adherence to right principles, rather than to expediency, which has enabled Your Excellency to rally round the Government, in a moment of danger, the arms of an united People: and to exhibit this Province to our Sovereign and to the world, in a posture which must command for its brave and loyal inhabitants the highest admiration and respect.

If the result of Your Excellency's firm and uncompromising policy shall impress upon Her Majesty's Government the conviction, that they need not fear to support in Upper Canada the principles of the British Constitution, it will have produced an effect of infinite value to this Colony; and will have supplied what we believe has been chiefly wanting to insure its permanent tranquillity.

But the Legislative Council cannot refrain from expressing the regret with which they have observed, in the case of Your Excellency, and of your respected

and gallant Predecessor, that your connection with the Government of this Colony has seemed incapable of being protracted, with satisfaction to yourselves, beyond the period when it became evident that no submission would be made by you to a spirit of factious discontent, which nothing can appease but the destruction of British rule.

We beg Your Excellency to believe, that the Legislative Council will ever entertain a grateful recollection of the justice and condescension which they have always had occasion to acknowledge in their intercourse with Your Excellency; and that they participate deeply in the feeling of general regret at Your Excellency's approaching departure from this Province.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber,
17th day of Jan'y. 1838.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons House of Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Excellency's Message of the 15th instant, communicating to this House, that "in consequence

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" foreign enemy, and being the scene of actual military
" operations, Colonel Foster, the Officer in command
" of Her Majesty's land Forces, has assumed the
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" upon whom the protection of the Province has thus
" necessarily devolved."

In reference to this subject, we can only express our earnest hope that this regulation, which the rules of the Service appear to have rendered necessary, may in no respect impair the efficiency of the operations hitherto planned and directed by Your Excellency, with so much success for the preservation and defence of the Province against the attack of foreign and domestic enemies.

We are further informed by Your Excellency, that having had the misfortune to differ from Her Majesty's Government, on one or two points of Colonial policy, Your Excellency felt it your duty, on the 10th of September last, respectfully to tender to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the resignation of the important station, which for a short time, Your Excellency has had the honor to hold in this Province, and that Your Excellency's resignation had been graciously accepted.—When this House recalls to recollection the events of Your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Province—the universal respect and confidence with which you are regarded, arising from Your Excellency's firm and uncompromising adherence to the principles of the Constitution, and which has afforded

to the inhabitants of this Colony various opportunities of proving, not by words merely, but by acts the most convincing and undeniable, their firm unshaken loyalty to their Sovereign, and their desire to maintain their connection with the Parent State, in contradiction to assertions and insinuations of a contrary tendency, we cannot but view with alarm the disclosure now made, that Your Excellency has felt yourself called upon to resign the administration of the Government on the grounds stated in Your Excellency's Message.

If Your Excellency's measures and policy have not given satisfaction to our Gracious Queen, we are driven to enquire, in the most humble and respectful, but solemn manner, what course of policy it is that is expected by Her Majesty from Her Majesty's Representative in this Province? Deeply impressed with the duty of submission to the Constitutional exercise of the Royal Prerogative, we do not question the right of the Sovereign to select Her Representatives in this or any other Colony of the Empire—but we nevertheless feel ourselves impelled by a sense of duty, suggested by a desire to maintain our allegiance, (and which, on our part, can never be laid aside or forgotten,) humbly, but earnestly and emphatically to declare, that if any thing be calculated to shake the attachment of Her Majesty's now truly loyal and devoted Subjects to Her Royal Person and Government, it is by acts of injustice, or the manifestation of ungenerous distrust towards Servants, who have served the British Nation so faithfully and nobly as Your Excellency has done. It will be the duty of this House, before the close of the present Session, and when more fully informed of facts, to express more at large the feelings and opinions they entertain on this painfully interesting and important subject.

In the meantime, we beg to assure Your Excellency, that this House, and the people of the Province, will regard Your Excellency's relinquishment of its Government as a calamity of the most serious nature, and which may result in difficulties and dissensions that cannot be easily repaired or reconciled. We however are fully persuaded, that the blame cannot rest with Your Excellency; and while we sincerely and most willingly acknowledge the zeal, ability, justice and honorable disinterestedness, with which you have conducted the Government of this Province, during your short but eventful and arduous administration of its affairs, we beg respectfully and affectionately to express, on behalf of this Province, our earnest hope, that Your Excellency's prosperity in future life may be commensurate with the claims, deep and lasting as they are, upon our gratitude—the approbation of our Gracious Queen—and the applause and acknowledgment of the British Nation.

H. RUTTAN,

SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly,
16th day of Jan'y. 1838.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to this House copies of so much of Your Excellency's correspondence with the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the

Colonies, as relates to Your Excellency's resignation of the Government of this Province, embracing the matter of policy upon which Your Excellency had the misfortune to differ from Her Majesty's Government, so far as the same may, in Your Excellency's opinion, be with propriety communicated.

JOHN B. ROBINSON,
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber,
19th day of Jan'y. 1838.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Honorable Gentlemen:

It would afford me the greatest satisfaction to transmit to the Legislative Council, according to its request, so much of my correspondence with the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as relates to my resignation of the Government of this Province; but after deliberate consideration I have come to the conclusion, that the publication of these documents might, under existing circumstances, embarrass my Successor, and might be considered as a violation of official confidence.

So long as I remain in the service of Her Mejesty's Government, I do not consider myself justified in defending my own conduct, by any vindication that may embarrass their policy.

Government House,
22nd January, 1838.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parlia-

ment assembled, humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House the correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and Your Excellency, which induced Your Excellency to tender your resignation of the Government of this Province; and also any subsequent correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and Your Excellency, on the same subject.

H. RUTTAN,
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly,
18th January, 1838.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Gentlemen:

Nothing, at this moment, would be so gratifying to my feelings as to lay before the House of Assembly the correspendence between Her Majesty's Government and myself, which induced me to tender my resignation of the Government of this Province; but after deliberate consideration I have come to the conclusion, that the publication of these documents might, under existing circumstances, embarrass my Successor, and might be considered as a violation of official confidence.

So long as I remain in the service of Her Majesty's Government, I do not consider myself justified in defending my own conduct, by any vindication that may embarrass their policy.

Government House,
22nd January, 1838.

F. B. HEAD.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has much pleasure in transmitting to the Legislative Council, a highly gratifying communication from His

Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, accompanying a unanimous joint vote of thanks from the two Houses of the Legislature of that Province to the Militia of Upper Canada, for their gallant conduct, in so ably, promptly and energetically, suppressing the late rebellion in this Province.

Government House,
January 22nd, 1838.

(A similar Message to the House of Assembly)

Government House, Fredericton, N. B.
SIR, January 6th, 1838.

With the highest satisfaction I comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province, by transmitting to Your Excellency, Resolutions jointly concurred in by these bodies, tendering to Your Excellency, and to the gallant Militia of Upper Canada, the unanimous thanks of the Legislature, and of the people of New Brunswick, for the able, prompt and energetic, suppression by them, and by your Excellency, unaided by any portion of Her Majesty's Troops, of the late insurrection in the neighbourhood of Toronto.

In doing this, I beg to add the expression of my warmest concurrence in the sentiments embodied in those resolutions, with the assurance that, while we feel the most entire confidence in the ability of Her Majesty's loyal Subjects of Upper Canada, under Your Excellency's guidance, to put down rebellion wherever it may shew itself, yet we cannot but regret that our remote position with respect to that Province, prevents our offering our more active co-operation.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. HARVEY,
M. General,
Lieutenant Governor.

His Excellency Sir F. B. Head, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

New Brunswick, House of Assembly,
5th January, 1838.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Province are due, and should be presented to Sir Francis Bond Head, and the gallant Militia of Upper Canada, for their able, prompt and energetic, suppression of the Insurrection, which lately took place in the neighbourhood of Toronto.

Resolved unanimously, That the conduct of our fellow Subjects in Upper Canada, on this memorable occasion, so fully in accordance with their former high spirit and character, affords a glorious example to the Sister Colonies; and cannot fail to quicken the zeal and animate the exertions of every loyal heart in these Colonies, in support and defence of the liberties they enjoy under British Laws and Institutions.

Resolved unanimously, That our fellow Subjects in Upper Canada may rest assured of the lively sympathy of the inhabitants of this Province, in their loyalty and patriotic ardour, and of our most zealous co-operation in maintaining the Royal Authorities, and the inestimable advantages of our connexion with the Mother Country.

(Signed) CHA'S. P. WETMORE,
Clerk of Assembly.

New Brunswick, House of Assembly,
5th January, 1838.

Resolved unanimously, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit these Resolutions to His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

Resolved, That the Legislative Council be requested to join in these Resolutions.

(Signed) CHA'S. P. WETMORE,
Clerk of Assembly.

NEW BRUNSWICK,
Legislative Council Chamber,
5th January, 1838.

Resolved unanimously, That this House doth most heartily concur in the Resolutions of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Insurrection in Upper Canada.

(Signed) WM. TYNG PETERS,
Clerk.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the undersigned, inhabitants of the City of Toronto, and its vicinity, having heard of Your Excellency's resignation of the Government of this Province, and of the speedily anticipated arrival of your Successor, feel called upon to address you upon this to us unexpected event.

The period of your Administration, though fraught with events of the greatest importance to Her Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province, and to the Empire at large, has been so short as to enable us to pass it in quick review, preparatory to the expression of our opinion on Your Excellency's retirement.

The recall of Your Excellency's respected Predecessor, SIR JOHN COLBORNE, so far as its causes were understood here, was calculated to create in our minds lively apprehensions, that in this, as in the Sister Province, the experiment of submission to factious opposition was to be made; and that under the name of conciliation, encouragement was to be given to those whom we firmly believed to be inimical to the maintenance of our present Institutions.

Nor were these apprehensions lessened when (from causes now fully explained and understood) we saw individuals called to Your Excellency's Councils, whose political principles we were fully convinced were not such as prevailed with the vast majority of the inhabitants of the Province, and upon whom we justly looked as enemies of British Supremacy, and of our connection with the Mother Country.

Fortunately for the well-being of the Province, in a much less time than the most sanguine could have hoped, the views of these parties were disclosed, and an opportunity was afforded to Your Excellency of shewing to the people at large, that to you they might look in the fullest confidence for supporting the established principles of the Constitution.

We feel it alike a duty and a heart-felt pleasure again to record our warmest admiration and respect for the penetration with which Your Excellency at once saw through their designs, and for the firm and uncomprising manner in which you met and baffled them; and that although Your Excellency's course was treated with insult and obloquy by the then House of Assembly, who in a vain effort at coercion stopped the Supplies, and made use of every effort to embarrass the Government and compel submission to their views, Your Excellency persevered in your determination to maintain our happy Constitution inviolate.

The success of the appeal Your Excellency made to the loyal people of the Province, ought to convince every one who was capable of exercising a sound judgment, that a straight forward and manly policy, based upon the maintenance of British principles, and upon an uncompromising hostility to all who were opposed to them, could not fail to meet our wants and wishes, and to secure our permanent tranquillity.

In this view we strongly approved, as we still continue to approve, of that proper and vigorous course, in the pursuing which Your Excellency dismissed from office those who had made themselves prominent in a factious opposition to your policy, and who attacked Your Excellency in a manner which, as the Representative of the Crown, you could not have passed by without a dereliction of duty to our Sovereign.

From that period, down to the date at which Your Excellency (as we have learned) felt it necessary to tender your resignation, we candidly confess ourselves at a loss to understand what policy it can have been on which a difference has existed between Your Excellency and the Ministers of the Crown, such as to have occasioned your retiring from the Government of Upper Canada—indeed it would have seemed only necessary to have contrasted the situation of this and the Sister Province, to have established the superior wisdom and soundness of the course pursued by Your Excellency over that which elevated the Author of the "Ninety-two Resolutions" to the Judicial Bench. But if further proof were wanting of the confidence Your Excellency's policy has inspired, it is to be found in that burst of loyal and patriotic feeling which displayed itself on occasion of the insurrection—when from the east to the west the Province presented the animated and soul-stirring spectacle of gallant men struggling who should be foremost in the field, to subdue internal rebellion—to resist foreign aggression—and die, if need were, in defence of our Constitution and highly valued connection with the British Empire. Nor can we avoid alluding with mingled pride and pleasure to the expression of kindness and high-minded sympathy which our late brief, but important struggle for our Consti-

tution and Laws, has called forth from our Sister Province of New Brunswick; and while we hail with delight the assurance, that they burn with the same loyal zeal and patriotic ardour which has animated the people of this Province, we rejoice that under Your Excellency's Administration we have been able to shew those qualities and pursue that course, which has gained for us these gratifying expressions of approbation and esteem.

The lesson which these facts is calculated to impress, will, we trust, never be forgotten; and if it shall bring to the mind of Her Majesty's Ministers a conviction, that by supporting in the Province British principles and British supremacy, and discountenancing the foes of both, they will pursue a course alike honorable to themselves and gratifying to the people of Upper Canada.—Should this, we say, be the result of the events which have occurred during Your Excellency's brief sojourn among us, it will add another to Your Excellency's many and well-founded claims to our deep and lasting gratitude.

In respectfully taking leave of Your Excellency, we cannot refrain from expressing our earnest hope, that Your Excellency will find in the approbation of our beloved Queen, and in the opinions and support of all the sound-thinking portion of the British Nation, a reward for your never-ceasing exertions, and untiring zeal for the welfare of this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

To these expressions we also most cordially add our sincere wishes for the domestic happiness of Your Excellency, and your amiable Family.

Your Excellency will carry with you our public approbation; our private sympathy; and our kindly wishes:—should the possession of the one or the other be gratifying to your feelings, it will serve to diminish the sincere regret we feel, in respectfully bidding you farewell.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Irish Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, in the District of Gore, beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that we have not been either indifferent or unconcerned spectators of the thrilling events which have agitated these Provinces during the last three months.

That having been astonished at the result of a meeting, stated to have taken place in this town on the first day of December last, professing to be a meeting of the Irish inhabitants of the town of Hamilton, and being, like most other meetings of a similar nature, calculated to produce the impression, that the Irish were discontented—and that while the avowed object of such meetings and union was peace, the actual object was war and strife,—we felt it our duty to call at once a full meeting of our Countrymen, to ascertain whether the sentiments said to be theirs at the meeting in question, were so or not,—when resolutions were passed, expressive of our ardent and unquenchable attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government—our abhorrence at the resolutions which had been passed at the various incendiary meetings which had taken place in several parts of the Province—our satisfaction of Your Excellency's conduct—and our non-participation in the views and sentiments set forth as those of the Irish inhabitants of the town of Hamilton, and which we published at length in the Hamilton Gazette of the twelfth of December last.

That having prepared an Address to Your Excellency, founded on these resolutions, we were prepa-

ring to proceed to Toronto, to lay it before Your Excellency, when we were diverted from our purpose by the scream of Rebellion, and the tocsin of civil war, which had been sounded in the land. Laying aside our intention for the moment, we prepared to take the field, and with our muskets on our shoulders, resolved to lose our lives if necessary, in defence of the glorious Banner of Great Britain.

That since the unnatural rebellion has ceased, and having but just returned to our homes, from protecting the frontier of the Province from the incursions of our neighbouring allies, we were astounded at the intelligence we received, that Your Excellency had felt constrained to tender your resignation to Her Majesty's Government, and that it had been accepted.

Knowing as we do, that in all the leading features of Your Excellency's policy you have been sustained by nine-tenths of the inhabitants of this loyal Province, we confess that we heard this intelligence with dismay.

That we beg to assure Your Excellency, that we shall ever retain sentiments of the most lively gratitude, for having dismissed from your Councils the enemies of the British Constitution, and for the wise, bold and constitutional determination you have always evinced, in not allowing places of power and trust to be filled but by those on whose principles of loyalty and patriotism you could place the firmest reliance.

In respectfully bidding you farewell, we cannot but express our firm resolution, only to support those principles which Your Excellency so unflinchingly maintained, and for which, in conjunction with our beloved brethren from England and Scotland, and with the natives of Upper Canada, we went forth cheerfully from our homes to sustain with our lives, or gloriously perish in their defence,—and praying that the Giver of every good and perfect gift may hold

you and your beloved family in His holy keeping, and bye and bye bring you all to that Heavenly rest which only the good and righteous enjoy.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned Proprietors, House-holders and other Inhabitants, of the Township of Trafalgar, in the District of Gore, beg leave respectfully to approach Your Excellency to express our unfeigned regret, that in consequence of a difference of opinion with Her Majesty's present advisers, you should have found it necessary to resign the Government of this Province.

Remembering as we do, the critical period of Your Excellency's arrival among us, commissioned by our late most gracious Sovereign to carry into effect those remedial measures which he had with so much liberality been pleased to grant, and your pledge to act with the strictest impartiality, and conscientiously to perform the high duties of your office, dispensing equal justice to all—a pledge which, throughout your whole short but eventful government, you have *nobly redeemed*,—we cannot but feel the strongest sentiments of esteem and respect for Your Excellency, and of regret for your approaching departure from the Province.

These sentiments are rendered doubly strong, when we review the important events which have occurred during Your Excellency's residence among us. We cannot forget, that on Your Excellency's

arrival here, you found the Province a prey to intestine dissentions, caused by the machinations of a few factious demagogues, embued alike with a hatred of British feelings and British principles; and the majority of the Commons House of Assembly, instead of complying with Your Excellency's quest, to join you heart and hand in endeavouring to heal these differences, anxiously and eagerly engaged in fomenting and increasing them.

That Your Excellency, instead of pursuing that vacillating and unmanly line of policy, which, while it discourages and weakens the friends of British Supremacy, adds courage and strength to its enemies, and which, but for the firmness of Your Excellency's respected predecessor, Sir John Colborne, and the bravery of our fellow-subjects, we have reason to fear would have proved the ruin of the Sister Province—at once shewed your determination to pursue a far different line of policy, and while by addressing yourself to the reason of an enlighted people, you testified your anxious desire to carry along with you the approbation of all the right-thinking part of the community, you at the same time distinctly and clearly proved, that the enemies of British rule and British feelings had nothing to expect from *you*, by declaring your firm determination to maintain our Laws and hapyy Constitution inviolate.

That Your Excellency's manly, straightforward, and honourable conduct throughout that trying period, was duly appreciated, and gained the confidence and esteem, and conciliated the affections of an overwhelming majority of the inhabitants of this Province, was most convincingly proved, when Your Excellency dissolved that House, and appealed to the people, who with manly British feeling responded to your call.

Still more lately we have had experience of Your Excellency's firmness and prudence, and of the mutual

esteem and confidence which existed between Your Excellency and the inhabitants of this Province, when after the dismissal of every Soldier of Her Majesty's Troops from the Province, we have seen the enemies of our Sovereign, with all the advantages which that circumstance could afford them, dispersed and annihilated by the loyal Militia, flocking in thousands at Your Excellency's call around the standard of our Queen and Constitution, and that too with scarcely the loss of a man.

Your Excellency *may*, and we trust *will* be again employed by our most gracious Sovereign, in many important services, but we feel satisfied *wherever*, or in whatever manner employed, that, when that period arrives, (which we trust is far distant from Your Excellency) when you are about to resign the cares of this wor' l for the enjoyment of a better, no event of your past or future life will be regarded by Your Excellency with more satisfaction, than the anxious solicitude which you have shewn during the late unnatural rebellion to spare the blood of the inhabitants of this Province—a solicitude which has, through the blessing of Divine Providence, been so eminently crowned with success.

When, Sir, all these important events and considerations pass in review before us, we cannot but consider it extremely unfortunate that Her Majesty should have advisers who have deemed it expedient to remove Your Excellency, before you have had an opportunity of completing the good work which you have so well begun.

Firmly and strongly as we have ever been, and have *proved* ourselves to be attached to our Queen and Constitution, we cannot avoid asking ourselves the question—which of your valuable services can have given dissatisfaction to Her Majesty's Ministers?—and humbly expresssing our conviction, that nothing could possibly be more calculated to shake the attach-

ment and confidence of the people of this Province in the Home Government, than the removal, without just cause, of one who has performed such distinguished public services as Your Excellency.

Satisfactory as it would have been to us to have been made aware of the points of difference between Your Excellency and Her Majesty's Advisers, we cannot but approve of your Excellency's honorable motives for declining to make them known; but we must express our unqualified conviction, that were these points known, Your Excellency would not be to blame, but could shew that you have acted in the same straight forward manner you have ever done, preferring the manly, upright, and honorable line of policy, to the merely expedient—a line which, from the appointment of Sir John Colborne, we are now led to hope will be pursued in the Lower Province, and which we trust Your Excellency's Successor will continue to follow in this, as by so doing we feel assured he will gain the esteem and confidence of all good men, the respect of Foreign Nations, and the approval of his own conscience.

Although we are not destined longer to enjoy your valuable services, we trust your talents will not be allowed to remain long unemployed, convinced as we are that wherever and whenever called into operation, they will ever be exerted to the utmost for the advantage of your Queen and Country.

Be assured, Sir, that wherever you go, Your Excellency will carry along with you the esteem and regrets of the inhabitants of this Province; and with heart-felt wishes for your welfare, and that of your Family, and praying the Almighty Disposer of all to bless and protect you and them, wherever you may be situated—

We remain,
With every sentiment of
Esteem and respect, &c. &c.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Magistrates, Freeholders, Merchants, and other inhabitants of the Township of Dumfries, District of Gore, beg leave humbly to approach Your Excellency, to express our unfeigned surprise at the intelligence of Your Excellency's recall from the Government of this portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

We are ignorant of the matter of Colonial policy upon which Your Excellency has felt it your duty to differ from Her Majesty's Ministers, and are, therefore, not in a situation to express any opinion regarding it; but being sensible of the benefits derived from Your Excellency's Administration, and of the universal satisfaction it has given to the right feeling and loyal portion of Her Majesty's Subjects, we deeply regret that Her Majesty's Ministers should have seen fit so to place themselves in opposition to Your Excellency's views, as to force upon Your Excellency the adoption of the only alternative left to an honorable mind.

When Your Excellency arrived in this Province we had the misfortune to be represented by a House of Assembly the majority of which, under the guise of reform, set themselves in opposition to the best interests of the Province, and used their utmost endeavours to accomplish ends, the effect of which must inevitably have been to cause a disruption of the tie with the Mother Country.

We can never forget the energy and the talent with which Your Excellency, in the constitutional ex-

ercise of your powers, proceeded to oppose the revolutionary measures of the faction to which we have referred. How completely Your Excellency succeeded in the good work, let the noble spirit which pervades the present House of Assembly, and the utter annihilation of the revolutionary party, testify. It becomes us also to remember with gratitude, that when at a later period, the same party had the hardihood to raise the standard of rebellion—to Your Excellency's forbearance, in the first instance, and your wisdom and firmness afterwards, are we indebted, under Heaven, for the prospect which we now enjoy of handing down to our children, our beloved Constitution, and the not less beloved tie with our Father-land, inviolate; and that, instead of having to prepare for a struggle, we can look back to a victory, and enjoy the hope of a long course of uninterupted prosperity.

We deem it superfluous to allude more particularly to the events of Your Excellency's administration. They are, and we trust will long remain, engraven on our recollections; and in respectfully bidding Your Excellency farewell, we beg again to assure you of our unalterable attachment.

That the Almighty Governor of the Universe may protect and bless Your Excellency and your Family, wherever you may be called to sojourn, is our earnest prayer.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Freeholders and inhabitants of the Township of Nelson, respectfully approach Your Excellency

with sentiments of deep regret at the prospect of your early departure, and we assure Your Excellency that we shall ever remember with gratitude the zeal, ability and justice, with which you have conducted the affairs of this Province during the short but eventful period of your administration.

We have seen with astonishment the desperate attempts of a few disappointed individuals to embarrass the Government, and subvert our connection with the Mother Country; and admiring as we do the unshaken firmness with which you have maintained inviolate the British Constitution, we view your departure from amongst us, at so critical a period, as an event deeply to be deplored.

In the midst of our regret we, in common with Her Majesty's other Subjects of this Province, have one cause of congratulation, that on Your Excellency's return to England you will be enabled to make such a full and complete representation of the state of affairs in this Colony, that Her Majesty's Government will be induced to adopt such a course of policy as will ensure to us the advantages which our fidelity and attachment to our Constitution and Laws give us a right to expect.

And it is our earnest hope that the same Providence which has been so signally extended to us during the late rebellion, will continue to protect Your Excellency throughout your future career, and that the same esteem and respect with which you are regarded in this Province may be evinced for Your Excellency on your return to the Mother Country, and that Your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province may receive the unqualified approbation of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Esquesing, beg leave to approach your Excellency with our deep and sincere expression of regret, that your Excellency's adminstration of the Government of this our beloved Province, is so soon to terminate.

Sir, when we review the circumstances of difficulty and danger, and the bitter and malicious obloquy, which has attended your every word and action, we beg to assure your Excellency, that our best sympathies were ever alive on your behalf, and now that circumstances have manifested to the world, that your genius, exerting itself in a firm and undeviating line of upright policy, has crushed the most foul and ungrateful rebellion that has ever stained the history of an enlightened people, we cannot forbear to express to your Excellency our deep sorrow for the cause (whatever name it may deserve,) which deprives us, at this junction of our affairs, of the benefit of your Excellency's wise administration.

We agree in the persuasion of our worthy representatives in the House of Assembly, "that the blame cannot rest with your Excellency;" and we do also with them, express "our earnest hope, that your Excellency's prosperity in future life may be commensurate with the claims, deep and lasting as they are, upon our gratitude—the approbation of our gracious Queen—and the acknowledgment and applause of the British Nation."

There is one more subject of regret which we would beg leave to notice, namely, that the short

space of time since our return from the *Lines*, to our widely scattered homes, and the still shorter period since we became convinced of the fact, that your Excellency had been superseded in the Government, has had the effect of depriving many of our townsmen the privilege of joining with us in this simple but sincere address; and we would further express our belief, that sentiments favourable to your Excellency's character, as Governor and gentleman, are co-extensive with loyalty and good-feeling throughout the Province.

We are Sir, on behalf of the Inhabitants of the township of Esquesing, as well as in our own persons, your Excellency's most obedient, and respectful humble servants—

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Freeholders and inhabitants of the township of Flamboro' East, respectfully approach your Excellency, impressed with deep sentiments of sorrow and regret at the early prospect of your departure from this Province.

We feel that in parting with your Excellency we shall be deprived, at a critical juncture, of a Lieutenant Governor in whom every loyal subject must repose the most implicit confidence and hope.

We lament that our gracious Sovereign, by reason of the distance which separates us from the Parent State, must necessarily be precluded, at this moment, from deciding upon the resignation which in an hour

of profound quietness and peace, circumstances induced your Excellency to tender.

The astounding events which have occurred in our Province within a few weeks, must ever distinguish that period, as one of the most important in the annals of Upper Canada; and we would assure your Excellency, that a grateful people will ever associate your name with the extinction of the foul and base rebellion which has lately disturbed our land.

You will leave your Government, Sir, with the cheering consciousness that the traitors arm is unnerved, and loyalty triumphant; and whatever may result from the unkind and unrational conduct of a neighbouring State, we fear no contradiction in affirming, that your policy has been equally forbearing, honorable and wise.

The great Nation, of which it is our happiness and pride to form a part, will we doubt not be firm in protecting her loyal subjects from injury, prompt in requiring retribution and satisfaction for any insult she may have sustained.

We rest our cause upon its justice, and humbly and devoutly place our reliance upon that Almighty God who has in so signal a manner, at this time, stretched over us His protecting arm.

With our kindest wishes for prosperity and health to your Excellency, wherever your Sovereign may call for your Service, we bid you farewell.

To His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, residing in the township of Nichol, having heard with

the deepest regret, that your Excellency had tendered your resignation of the Government of this Province, and that your resignation had been accepted of by Her Majesty's Ministers—beg leave in the most respectful manner to state to your Excellency, the heartfelt regret with which we have learned this resignation, and the consequent removal of your Excellency from amongst us. We regret the policy of Her Majesty's Ministers which induced them to accept of your Excellency's resignation.

The peculiar situation in which your Excellency found the Province, on your arrival—the many various and conflicting interests with which you had to contend—the result of the foul and unnatural conspiracy and rebellion which was so speedily suppressed by your Excellency's wise and energetic measures.—All these, and many more of your acts, serve to convince us of the inestimable value of your services, as our Governor, and the great and irreparable loss which the Province will sustain by your removal.

But since we must lose you as our Governor, permit us with all sincerity, to bid your Excellency—Farewell.

You take with you the best wishes and prayers of all loyal British Subjects—and you will have the gratifying reflection, that all your acts have tended to the glory and the good of this Province.

May your Excellency long enjoy health and prosperity.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, resident in the town of Guelph, and its vicinity, have

learned with feelings of the deepest regret, that the period is at hand which is to terminate your Excellency's Government of the Province of Upper Canada.

Selected by a discriminating Sovereign to administer the Government of this important portion of his dominions, at a crisis of extraordinary embarrassment, you have amply justified the choice. Upon your arrival amongst us you found the Province torn by dissention, and the friends of constitutional government in doubt and despondency. How great, how happy has been the change during your Excellency's short but brilliant administration. Public questions of a perplexing nature have been satisfactorily set at rest—the designs of a party whose single object is now proved to be the overthrow of British supremacy, have been signally defeated—a spirit of the most devoted loyalty has been enkindled throughout the Province, and the standard of public morals has been exalted, by the straight forward integrity which your Excellency has displayed. Those services have been already acknowledged, by a distinguished mark of your Sovereign's approbation.

It needed not therefore your noble conduct during the late unnatural rebellion, to confirm our sentiments of respect and affection for your Excellency's person and government. Here you require no testimony from us—that testimony is better borne in the present general tranquillity of the Province, which during the progress of the recent revolt had not a soldier within its bounds; and were it not for the audacious aggression of the people of a foreign Nation there would now be but little to remind us that a rebellion had taken place.

At such a period we lament that the policy of Her Majesty's Government has been such as to lead to your Excellency's resignation, and we are unable to express our sorrow for the loss of a Governor whom

we believe so well qualified to promote the peace and prosperity of the Province, to develope its natural resources, and to confirm it in its loyal attachment to the Parent State.

And now, Sir, permit us respectfully to bid your Excellency farewell. Had it been in our power we would fain have retained you amongst us, but since it is otherwise ordered, it is some consolation to us to know, that you will bear with you the good wishes and the blessings of all denominations of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, and that you will enjoy what is better than all, the proud consciousness that you have done your duty.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the town of Port Hope, hereby beg leave to approach your Excellency, with the expression of our warm attachment and regard to your Excellency's person and Government.

In common with the rest of our fellow Subjects, we view with admiration and gratitude, your Excellency's firm and uncompromising maintenance of the glorious Constitution under which it is our privilege to live, thereby giving the Inhabitants of this Province the opportunity of shewing as they have so decidedly done, their devoted and unshaken loyalty to their Sovereign, and their ardent desire to maintain inviolate their connection with their Father-land.

If any thing were wanting to cement the regard, attachment and unbounded confidence in your zeal, ability, justice and honorable disinterestedness, which your Excellency has awakened in every true lover of his Country, during your too brief, but arduous and very eventful, administration of the Government, it would be over-abundantly supplied by your generous appreciation of, and reliance upon, the loyalty and right-mindedness of this Province, and by the promptitude, decision and intrepidity with which you have enabled that loyalty to exhibit itself, to the confusion and the defeat of parricidical rebellion, and treacherous aggression.

With the deepest surprise, disappointment and regret, we have learned, that any circumstances could have occurred to have made you feel it your duty to relinquish the Government of this Province, and we feel it incumbent upon us to express our hearty concurrence with the sentiments of our Representatives, and with them, "humbly, but earnestly and emphatically, to declare, that if any thing be calculated to shake the attachment of Her Majesty's now truly loyal and devoted Subjects to Her Royal Person and Government, it is by acts of injustice, or the manifestation of ungenerous distrust, towards men who have served the British Nation so faithfully and nobly as your Excellency has done."

In bidding your Excellency a reluctant but affectionate farewell, we cannot refrain from indulging the pleasing hope, that the voice of this Province will be heard which unanimously calls upon our gracious Queen, to express her sense of your deserts, by some token of approbation worthy of your Excellency's merits, and the importance of the Province which you have twice preserved to the British Crown.

Praying that all prosperity, spiritual and temporal, may attend your Excellency and your amiable Family, we unwillingly bid you—Farewell.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned loyal inhabitants of the township of Haldimand, in the District of Newcastle, regarding with utter abhorrence the recent atrocious attempt to inflict upon this happy Province, all the horrors of rebellion and civil strife, are anxious to assure your Excelleney of our attachment and fidelity to our Sovereign and to the Government under which we have the happiness to live, and that we are ready to aid you in defending these blessings with our lives and property.

We regret that even a small portion of our fellow Subjects should have been so devoid of common sense, gratitude and true patriotism, as to suffer a few turbulent and degraded individuals, whose atrocities are unredeemed by a single virtue, to seduce them from their duty and allegiance, and incite them to rapine, murder and treason, by those trite means of delusion which have ever been resorted to by the wicked and mischievous, and by promises of plunder which could only operate upon base and sordid minds; but we rejoice, that an opportunity has been thus afforded of proving to the world, that your Excellency's confidence in the general fidelity and loyalty of Upper Canada was well founded, and we trust, that the slanderers of this glorious Province, on both sides of the Atlantic, will be now silenced for ever.

We have learnt with feelings of indignation, which no language can adequately express, that at a moment of profound peace, the people of the United States of America, in violation of all national and moral obligations, are embodying troops, and arming

for the avowed purposes of invading our country—aiding the incendiaries, murderers and traitors who, driven hence, have sought their unhallowed protection—and thrusting upon us the most oppressive, demoralizing and uncontrollable of all tyrannies—a mob despotism—in lieu of the mild, free and efficient Government which we have the happiness to enjoy, under the wise and firm administration of your Excellency. They shall find, that the same strong arms, and loyal hearts which recently overthrew domestic traitors, are equally ready to repel and chastise any audacious violation of our peaceful soil, by foreign plunderers and assassins.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of the township of Seymour, having heard with astonishment and indignation, that preparations for the invasion of this Province, have for some time been making by bands of lawless Americans, in allegiance with those traitors who have recently fled from the punishment due to their crimes in this Country, feel it our duty to express to your Excellency, our attachment to the revered Constitution under which we were born—our respect for the equal laws and mild Government of our adopted Country—and our firm determination to protect them to the utmost of our power.

Engaged in the arduous duties of new settlers in the forest, and remote from the scene of the wicked and unnatural rebellion, which your Excellency's

firmness, and the loyalty of Her Majesty's Canadian Subjects, have so happily terminated, we have been unwilling to occupy your Excellency's time by a vain display of attachment to our Sovereign—a feeling which recent events have shewn, is common to all but the most worthless in this Province. But we feel, that a period is now arrived, when it may be of importance to your Excellency to know the sentiments of even the humblest of Her Majesty's Subjects, and that those sentiments should also be made known to those deluded persons beyond our frontier, who may have been induced to lend their aid to the degraded men who have escaped from our shores, by the belief, that they are espousing the cause of the oppressed, when in fact, the only oppressors we have known, were those very persons, when placed by the unmerited confidence of their countrymen, in situations of power and authority.

We have read with great satisfaction, in the Speech delivered to the two Hourses of Parliament, at the opening of the present Session, your Excellency's comments on the conduct of that portion of the American people who have presumed to interfere in the domestic policy of our Country, and rejoice that at so trying a period, Her Majesty's authority should be delegated to an Officer so capable of preserving untarnished the spotless fame of the great Nation to which it is our pride to belong.

With your Excellency, we shall lament the necessity for an appeal to arms. in vindication of our outraged liberties, but if the threatening storm should burst upon our land, with heart and hand, we shall then respond to your Excellency's summons to prepare for the coming conflict.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of Cobourg, and its vicinity, beg leave, on your departure from this Province, to express to your Excellency our deep regret, that your Excellency, in consequence of a difference of opinion with Her Majesty's Ministers, should have thought it necessary to tender your resignation of the Government of this Province.

To your Excellency's unwavering adherence to the principles of the Constitution—to your firm and undisguised opposition to all measures tending to deteriorate the advantages which we derive from our connection with England—we feel this Province is indebted, for the suppression of the rebellious outbreaking of the disaffected, who sought to embroil us in a civil war; nor can we withhold our thanks and gratitude for your Excellency's expression of your entire confidence on the the loyalty of Her Majesty's Canadian Subjects, and we feel proud that such confidence was not misplaced. Allow us to express our sincere regret, that your Excellency's Government has been of such short duration, and that while we were looking forward to the enjoyment of re-established peace and prosperity under your Excellency's administration, the Province should be deprived of the eminent services of your Excellency. We trust however, that Her Majesty's Ministers may use the information which your Excellency will be enabled to give, as to the real state of this Province, to the adoption of a line of policy more conducive to the interests of the Province, than hitherto has been pursued by them.

We humbly pray your Excellency may be pleased to convey to the foot of the Throne, an assurance of our fidelity to Her Majesty's Person and Government, our determination at all sacrifices, to preserve our connection with Great Britain, and our readiness to rally round the British standard to oppose foreign invasion, as in the suppression of domestic rebellion.

Our prayers will be offered to the Dispenser of all Good, for the future welfare of yourself and family, and that you may reap those blessings which a consciousness of upright intention and an honest fulfillment of your duty to your Sovereign and the people committed to your charge, is capable of bestowing; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that your efficient suppression of the late rebellion will long live in the memories of an attached and grateful people.

We have the honor to be your Excellency's obedient servants—

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants at the River Trent and its vicinity, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency with expressions of regret, occasioned by your announcement to the Parliament of this Province, that a successor has been appointed by the Imperial Government to supercede your Excellency in the administration of the affairs of this Province.

We cannot but remember the circumstances under which your Excellency assumed the adminis-

tration of the affairs of this Province. The vexatious proceedings of the last Provincial Parliament—your manly and British feeling in appealing to the sense of the Country—the response of the loyal people of this Province to that appeal—and the full reliance which all the loyally-disposed placed on the administration of your Excellency;—nor can we forget your forbearance towards the instigators and participators in the late futile insurrection—and successively, the firmness, decision and personal intrepidity manifested by your Excellency, when the leaders of that insurrection had by sophistry and otherwise, contrived to stir up a hostile feeling, as well towards the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province, as the connection and supremacy of the British Government.

We cannot help expressing our satisfaction at the triumphant manner in which you have carried us through our difficulties up to the present moment—and our regret, that the Province should be deprived of your valuable services at this time.

At the same time, we cannot but feel, that the loyal part of the population of this as well as the Lower Province, have not been fairly dealt with by the Ministry in England during the last few years—as instructions have been invariably forwarded, by which the Governors in these Provinces have been hampered in their endeavours to encourage loyal feelings—and at the same time, that the factious and seditious have been encouraged to make demands contrary to the spirit of the British Constitution.

In tendering our most respectful good wishes to your Excellency on your departure from this Province, at this most trying moment, and without at all depreciating the worth and merits of your successor, we cannot allow you to depart without entrusting you with our dearest request, to be laid before our gracious Queen when you shall triumphantly have established

the rectitude of your proceedings and intentions before Her Majesty's Government, as you assuredly will do.

We therefore beg, that your Excellency will assure Her Majesty of our loyalty and affection for Her Crown and Person—of our attachment to the British Constitution of Queen, Lords and Commons —and if any regret at all exists here, it is, that the Constitution of this Province is not more closely assimilated to that of Great Britain. We beg to remind your Excellency in truth of this assertion, on your approach to our gracious Sovereign, of the nature of the population of this Province.

The U. E's. who left the United States because they preferred a Monarchical to a Republican form of Government—the emigrants from the Parent State, nurtured under a Monarchical form of Government, and who, from their present contiguity to a Republic, have seen nothing in the latter to prefer, but every thing to detest, when compared with the former.

A sense of justice compels us to add, that many of our most attached fellow Subjects in this Province, are natives of the Republic to which reference has just been made; and if there are traitors among us, recent events compel us to acknowledge, we know that they are neither numerous nor influential.

In leaving us, we beg to assure your Excellency, that you have with you our best wishes for your future prosperity, happiness and advancement.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the township of Norwich, sympathizing in common with the whole

community of this Province, at the unexpected removal of your Excellency from the Lieutenant Governorship, deem it our duty to address you on this occasion.

We lament exceedingly the fact—whatever may have been the cause—of your removal, and we cannot allow your Excellency to depart, without testifying our approbation of your conduct in the administration of affairs in this Province.

We admire the manly, straight-forward and vigorous course your Excellency has pursued, under the humiliating position a few misguided and unprincipled men have plunged this Province; and we feel assured, that the tranquillity we at this moment enjoy, is mainly attributable to the judicious and sound views your Excellency has taken, and the spirited and firm resistance you have shewn.

Accept, Sir, the heartfelt thanks of your sincere admirers; and carry with you, wherever you go, our unfeigned prayers for your future happiness and prosperity.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Grand and Petit Jurors, of the District of Bathurst, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, and other Inhabitants of the District, there met together, very respectfully approach your Excellency, for the purpose of conveying at this period of great and interesting excitement, our unalterable attachment to the Person and Government of our most

gracious and beloved Queen, and due determination to preserve, at all hazards, the connection that so happily exists between this Country and the Parent State,—truly sensible of the blessings we enjoy—grateful for the protection we receive—living under no species of oppression or misrule—enjoying liberty unbounded, and the free exercise of our religious principles,—we have hearts that revere a Government that confers so many benefits—we appreciate its justice, and are satisfied with its rule;—we therefore cannot but deplore, that in this highly favoured Province, where the administration of the Government is so justly and mildly exercised, abandoned, unprincipled and ungrateful wretches should be found, who would so far forget their allegiance, and their duty to their God, as to appear in the ranks of disaffection and rebellion; and who, setting all law at defiance, have openly appeared in arms, to subvert that Government, and destroy the peace, happiness and contentment of Her Majesty's loyal and well-disposed Subjects,—but, that Merciful God—who watches over the just—who protects the innocent and oppressed—did not desert our loyal fellow Subjects in the hour of danger,—the struggle between good Government and Revolution in this Province, was short,—and the confidence which your Excellency so unhesitatingly reposed in the loyalty and fidelity of the Militia of Upper Canada, was gallantly exemplified by their prompt and effectual assistance, scattering to the four winds of Heaven, the traitors to their God, their Queen and their Country. The firmness and moral courage of your Excellency has not escaped our observation; the zeal and ability manifested by your Excellency, nobly aided by the gallantry of the militia and volunteers, in dispersing the accursed rebellious band that hovered round the Seat of Government, and threatened its destruction, together with the loyal and

brave Inhabitants of Toronto, merit our grateful acknowledgments ;—and we do indeed sincerely lament our want of language sufficiently forcible to express our congratulations on so important and auspicious an event. The remembrance of the brave defence conducted under your Excellency's immediate command, will be long cherished as the proudest day in the annals of Upper Canada ; and while justice is tempered with mercy, it becomes your Excellency at the same time, however distressing it may be to your humane and benevolent character, to punish those whose talents and example were so nearly plunging this Province into the horrors of a civil war.

To your Excellency, personally, we beg to tender our feelings of confidence and attachment, and conclude with a fervent prayer, that success may ever attend Her Majesty's arms.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the townships of Torbolton, Fitzroy, Pakenham, MacNab, Horton, Ross, Westmeath and Pembroke, consider ourselves imperatively called upon in the present state of public affairs, to profess our loyalty to Her Majesty, and our determination to resist to the utmost of our power, the wicked and absurd attempts to dissolve the connection which at present exists between Great Britian and Canada, the maintenance of which, we firmly believe to be essential to the welfare of the Empire at large, and more especially of the Canadas.

In declaring our attachment to the British Constitution, we are influenced by a sense of the many advantages which we derive from it, and from a conviction, that under no other form of Government whatever, can we hope for a continuance of the same internal peace, civil and religious liberty, and the same security for our persons and property, which we now enjoy.

That we would cherish the most friendly feelings towards our fellow Subjects of French origin, and consider the great majority of the insurgents in the Lower Province as deluded by designing and interested men, of whose cold-blooded atrocity in urging on a brave and once loyal and contented peasantry, to their own destruction, we cannot sufficiently express our abhorrence.

If we could for a moment suppose the possibility of Papineau, Mackenzie and other rebels, succeeding in their mad projects, it is our opinion, that the people of these Provinces would be subjected to the tyranny of a gang of ambitious demagogues, who would be as insolent rulers as they have been bad Subjects, and from their recent conduct, it would appear, we should have to dread, under their domination, a repetition of those scenes of massacre and bloodshed which took place during the French Revolution.

It is therefore our determination, in a reliance on Divine Providence, to aid by every means in our power, Her Majesty's Government and the Executive Governments of these Provinces, in putting down sedition and rebellion, and checking in the bud, the treasonable designs of revolutionists to bring on a civil war in these hitherto peaceful Provinces.

We consider our thanks most justly due to your Excellency, for supporting and defending our noble

Costitutional Charter, and for the spirited and decisive manner in which your Excellency has suppressed the recent insurrection in the Home District.

We would further respectfully express to your Excellency our conviction, that until these Provinces are again united under such arrangements as shall give to the population of British origin a fair and equitable weight in the Legislature, no effectual remedy will be found for the political evils under which both Provinces have so long suffered.

We would humbly request, that your Excellency will cause a copy of this Address to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and also to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Freeholders and House-keepers, residing in the township of Oro, in the Home District, lawfully assembled in "Township Meeting," beg leave respectfully to congratulate your Excellency on the complete suppression of the late unhappy rebellion, (if the assembling together of a few cowardly ruffians under a wretched set of infidel leaders, for the purposes of plunder, rather than "Reform," can be so named); and it is with feelings of honest pride and heartfelt satisfaction, that we call the attention of your Excellency to the orderly, peaceable and general good conduct of the people of this Province, as proved by the fact, that with a whole country up in arms, in the greatest state of excitement, hurrying in

masses to the scene of action, there is scarcely an instance of disorder; that while there has been the most zealous and devoted loyalty to our Queen and Constitution, there has been the most implicit obedience to the laws.

We beg leave to thank your Excellency for the confidence you have shewn to the loyalty of this Country in sending the regular troops to the assistance of the Lower Province, and we trust, that the same principle will always, as now, be found sufficient for the internal protection of the Province: and we humbly place our utmost means at the disposal of your Excellency, in the full confidence that they will be wisely employed.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects of the township of Moore, Western District of Upper Canada, respectfully beg leave to express to your Excellency, our sincere regret and heartfelt disappointment, at learning that the Colonial Secretary has been so unfortunate as to differ with your Excellency upon one or two points of Colonial policy.—We, however, venture to believe, that the recent disloyal and rebellious conduct which a few base and designing men have been the means of calling into action, and which was so promptly and decidedly put down (while confied to the Canadian population only,) by your Excellency, and the loyal inhabitants of the Province, will argue most powerfully in favor of your Excellency's views and decisions.

Though short indeed has been the time we have been permitted to experience the great benefit and blessing of your Excellency's firm, manly, disinterested and patriotic Government, still it has been amply sufficient to make us sensible, that the resignation of your Excellency, will prove a great, and not unlikely an irreparable loss, to the loyal inhabitants of this Province,—permit us therefore to express our unfeigned sorrow, that circumstances have compelled your Excellency to have recourse to such a step, for we are fully sensible, that it has caused, and will continue to cause, the most serious and sincere regret of thousands.

At the same time, the most earnest prayers and hearty good wishes of the inhabitants of this Province will attend your Excellency, and be assured, that none will more sincerely and patriotically participate in those feelings than the loyal inhabitants of the township of Moore.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The undersigned Inhabitants of the town and township of London, and township of Oxford, have just heard with much regret, that your Excellency had, in September last, tendered your resignation of the Government of this Province, and that Her Majesty's Government had been pleased to accept of your Excellency's resgination..

The period at which your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province, was one fraught

with extreme difficulty, owing to the formidable appearance of that base faction, which by the energetic measures of your Excellency, has been lately so signally overthrown; and the undersigned have watched with intense interest, the firm, open and straight-forward course, which your Excellency has pursued amidst difficulties so numerous and alarming.

Although the undersigned were inclined to doubt the policy of allowing sedition and rebellion to gain even a footing in the Province, still they now freely confess, that had measures been taken to prevent only the machinations of the wicked faction, its ultimate designs would have been denied by many of its own partizans; would not have been credited by many of the benevolent and well-meaning of the Province, nor would its overthrow have been so signal and complete.

The undersigned would have rejoiced had your Excellency been allowed to remain to witness the sunshine and prosperity of this Province, after the dark shade of its sorrows had rolled away; and it is with painful emotions they see the laurel, as it were, snatched from your Excellency's brow when the victory had been almost won.

The undersigned however cannot but appreciate the feelings your Excellency will realise in future life, from the consciousness of having acted firmly and nobly, from hearing from time to time of the prosperity of this Province, over which Divine Providence called you to rule; and learning that the good are grateful for the benefits derived from your wise and firm, though short, administration.

To whatever portion of the globe the future lot of your Excellency may be cast, the best and most fervent wishes of the undersigned shall accompany your Excellency; and in taking leave of your Excellency, while expressing our own respect and gratitude,

we fervently hope, that your Excellency's noble and untiring exertions for the good of this Province, may be duly appreciated by our beloved Sovereign; and that independently of any other, the consciousness of having done your duty firmly and uprightly amidst accumulating difficulties, will be its own reward.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned Loyalists of the town of Port Burwell and vicinity, in the District of London, have just learnt with painful feelings and emotions, that your Excellency had in consequence of a difference of opinion with the Colonial Ministers, in September last, submitted to Her Majesty's Government your resignation of the Government of this Province, and that it had been accepted of.

In approaching your Excellency on this momentous occasion, we want language to express our sense of your Excellency's worth and persevering energies in supporting that bulwark of our liberties—the Constitution—during the short period of your eventful administration. Beset as you were, on your arrival amongst us, with a variagated and most wicked combination of a heartless and traitorous clique of men, who had long sought a separation of this noble Province from the Mother Country; you yet, with the boldness and freedom of an unshackled mind, almost singly met and exposed their abominations to the plain view of a loyal and a generous people; though the difficulties with which you were beset, had nearly overcome the Country's hopes—spreading dismay,

disunion and discord, by which the midnight of civil, political and moral darkness, had well-nigh covered the land miserably with its gloomy mantle—your Excellency then nobly stepped forth, and in a constitutional appeal to the people of this loyal Province, you were more than sustained; and the result of that appeal fully bespoke the wisdom of your policy—the strength of your mind—the justice of the cause of truth and reason—and the redeeming qualities of good Subjects, when aided by a true knowledge of things on which to found their verdict. But the murderous clique, who always boasted of public opinion, were not willing to submit to the effect and result of their own doctrines, but traitorously, wickedly and murderously conspired to overthrow that very Government, to which they had hitherto *professed* to be the most loyal.

The undersigned had long regarded the arrival of your Excellency in this Province, as a means, under Divine Providence, of checking the rebellion then rapidly progressing; but when through the disappointment of those men, even of your Executive Council, who were for transferring the authority of the Crown into their own hands, desperate preparations were making for open revolt; many loyalists regarded with painful anxiety, your Excellency's seeming apathy in calling upon them to disperse the rebels by force, they can but acknowledge the mysterious ways of Providence in bringing this unnatural and cruel rebellion to a happy and speedy termination—the result still bears out your Excellency in the course you have pursued.

The heterogeneous medley of principles contended for by those pretended lovers of "civil and religious liberty," has long engendered in the minds of the unwary, those practical feelings of strife, immorality and irreligion, which is in reality, the views of their

leaders, in sacrifising honor, honesty, truth, morality and religion, to the Moloch of their own emolument.

Every paternal act of the best of Governments has been twisted and turned many ways to excite the *pretended* religious feelings of the weak and simple, under the specious garb of liberty of conscience—a by-word and Shibboleth for the most treacherous designs upon the very people who are duped by their pretended love of freedom.

In frequent changes there is often danger, and always some degree of disorganization; and inasmuch as your Excellency had, by your steady, firm and unflinching conduct in support of our Constitution, opened the way for our advancement as a people, we had hoped your Excellency might remain in your present exalted station, until the mild and refreshing fruits of peace and contentment should spread the benign influence of hopeful security, in the enjoyment of the fruits of honest industry throughout the Province; but though through the course of official injunctions from the Colonial Office, the laurel is thus plucked from your deserving brow, an imperishable monument of a country's gratitude will shed its hallowed influence around your retirement; and we still hope and trust that when the late struggle with an unnatural rebellion shall be made known to our gracious Queen, the distinguished favor of our Sovereign will be in unison with the feelings of a loyal and a grateful people.

Your Excellency's observation of the capability and natural resources of this fine Province, will enable you to render us great services in making known to our fellow subjects in England, the safety there is for loyalty, wealth and honest industry, to be planted in this portion of the Queen's Dominions; and we doubt not that your Excellency's graphic pen will place before the British public, the favorable character of this Country and its loyal inhabitants.

At a time when your Excellency is about to depart this Province, an expression of feelings thus offered cannot proceed from any other motive than that of offering a just tribute to your acknowledged worth; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that on taking leave of this Province, you carry with you the devout prayers of a loyal and grateful people, to Almighty God, that your native shores may afford you the sacred welcome of a happy home; and that you may be distinguished by some signal mark of Royal favor; and that health, peace and happiness may attend your Excellency and family, in whatever station in life it may please God to place you.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Kingston, beg leave to approach your Excellency with the most earnest assurance of our deep regret at your retirement from the Government of the Province.

Your Excellency has been pleased to inform the Legislature of the Province, now in session, that having had the misfortune to differ from Her Majesty's Government, on some points of colonial policy, (yet unknown to us) you felt it your duty to tender your resignation.

While we duly appreciate the delicacy of your Excellency's motives, in withholding at present from the public, a knowledge of the circumstances which induced you to relinquish the important station, which for two years you had held in this Province, we can-

not but express in terms the most distinct, our anxious concern, that any policy which your Excellency has adopted, during that period, should have met with the dissent or disapprobation of a Government, in whose service your Excellency has manifested, with consummate success, so much ability, zeal and firmness.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that in this expression of our sentiments on the present trying occasion, we are not excited by the impulse of transient sympathy; much less are we actuated by a spirit of indulgence, in the language of habitual complaint—a tone which has ever been foreign to the inhabitants of this town. We have always been amongst the first to acknowledge the various blessings we enjoy from our happy connection with the Parent State, and the many favors extended to us by her rulers; and for none of these do we entertain a higher sense of obligation, than for the judicious selection of your Excellency, to administer the affairs of this Colony.

This administration, however to be lamented for the shortness of its duration, has been pregnant with events the most momentous which ever befel the destinies of the Province. In reviewing them the mind is filled with surprise, while the heart expands with gratitude to the disposer of all good, for the signal success, which on the most trying occasions has attended your Excellency's exertions.

Your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province, as we have reason to believe, equally unwedded to political creed, and unbiassed by party distinction. You availed yourself of talent where it was to be found; and freely admitted to your Councils, men who, under the specious pretence of Constitutional Reform, had gained for their party a majority in the representation of the Colony. You thus afforded a test of their principles, to which the posses-

sion of power instantly proved an unerring touchstone. The professors of reform now stood forth as the undisguised champions of revolution. The price of their services was the subversion of the Constitution. Your ground was promptly taken, and in standing firmly by the Throne, you roused the dormant loyalty of those, who hitherto were deluded by false professions. To your able exposure of the designs of the faction, and to your forcible appeal to the good sense of the people, are we now mainly indebted for the present composition of an Assembly, industrious in improving the resources of the country, and intent on preserving our happy connexion with Great Britain.

While in the full enjoyment of this salutary regeneration of our political condition, the revolt of the French Canadian inhabitants of a neighbouring Province became the signal for rebellion in this. The deluded adherents of "the movement party" rising in arms to commit the most flagitious acts of treason, arson and murder, were in an instant crushed by the overwhelming power of our loyal Militia, under your Excellency's auspices. The flame which burst from the slumbering embers of sedition was in a moment extinguished; and the leaven of iniquity working for our benefit, threw off the impurities of the mass, and purged society of its foulest ingredients.

The late hostile interference of certain citizens of a neighbouring State, till that moment on terms of the strictest amity and peace, is too recent to need recital. This ungenerous and unprovoked endeavour to carry war into our border, by succouring a band of the most flagitious outlaws, has been frustrated in like manner with the attempt of our domestic insurgents. "The name of every Militiaman in Upper Canada" had not been invoked by your Excellency in vain, for the arm of every loyal Canadian was quickly raised, to take that vengeance, which the dispersion of the invaders alone prevented.

This aggression made in defiance of the laws of nations, and in contempt of the civil authority, has furnished a salutary lesson to the people of Upper Canada. It has taught them that Republican institutions, hitherto held up by a party amongst us, as a light to attract their admiration, are in truth a beacon to warn them of the quick-sands surrounding democracy. It has inspired them with encreased attachtachment to their own happy conditon, and afforded them a demonstrative proof of their strength to maintain our enviable Constitution inviolate, against for eign as well as domestic invasion.

With these recent examples of the working of good out of evil, by the all wise Ruler of nations, under whose supreme guidance you have for two years held the reins of our Government, we respectfully take leave of your Excellency; humbly expressing our hope, that your Excellency may receive at the hands of our just and gracious Sovereign, that reward which your eminent services have merited.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the townships of Ernest-town and Amherst-island, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency, and express the feelings of deep and unfeigned regret with which we have learned that circumstances have arisen, that have induced your Excellency to tender your resignation of the Government of this Province, and that such resignation has been accepted by Her Majesty's

Government. And we further beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we duly appreciate and shall ever remember with gratitude, the many and great advantages which the people of this Province have derived from your Excellency's able, firm and impartial, although short, administration of the Government of this Province, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty and danger, and we are firmly persuaded it is owing to the wisdom, energy and decision of your Excellency's measures, that an opportunity has been afforded to the loyal inhabitants of this Province, to evince their strong and unalterable attachment to the Government and Constitution under which we have the happiness to live, and their firm determination and ability to defend them against all attacks of domestic treason or foreign aggression. Deeply impressed with these sentiments, we tender to your Excellency the assurance of our earnest hope, that Her Majesty's Government will duly appreciate and reward the important services rendered by your Excellency to the best interests of this Province and of the Empire, and that we shall ever feel the most lively interest in your Excellency's welfare, honor and happiness.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the township of Grimsby and its vicinity, beg leave most respectfully to express to your Excellency the deep and unfeigned regret we experienced, at learning that you were soon about to relinquish the reins of Government in this part of Her Majesty's Dominions.

Fully sensible of the many and great difficulties with which you have had to contend since your arrival in this Province, and which have been most happily surmounted by that energy, decision and judgment which have characterized your Excellency's administration of the Government of Upper Canada, we should be greatly deficient in gratitude, did we not heartily deplore your departure, and duly appreciate the benefits which have already resulted from your Excellency's short but brilliant career of Government.

Aware of your Excellency's great and continued exertions to discharge faithfully the duties of your arduous Office,—to discover and remedy the defects and wants of a new Country—fully sensible of the great ability your Excellency hath evinced in disentangling the numerous and difficult questions brought before you—and of the astonishing labor you have used to obtain information concering the Province generally: and of the plans also of the enemies of our Constitution, so atrocious in their nature—and to defend us in a time of unexampled trouble,—we cannot but entertain a hope, that such knowledge will be made available to the interests of this Province, and the Empire at large. We cannot but hope, that your active and efficient services will soon be acknowledged and rewarded by our youthful and beloved Queen—and that, exalted to some higher office of duty, your influence will be used in our behalf—and if in our behalf, (as this promising region contains the germ of a powerful Nation,) you may add to the welfare and happiness of the whole Empire, and of the world.

We commend your Excellency and Family to the protecting care of that kind Providence, which hath "prospered your handy work." Far distant could we have wished that day to be, on which we were to bid your Excellency a respectful farewell;

but since it is otherwise appointed, we receive no small degree of consolation from the knowledge, that your Excellency will carry with you, the best wishes of all denominations of loyal Subjects; and that you will be enabled to enjoy in another land, the great gratification—a consciousness that you have nobly performed your duty in this.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the township of Medonte, County of Simcoe, in the name of our fellow-subjects of the said township, have the honor to address you at a moment of deep regret and disappointment, at your unexpected recall from the Government of Upper Canada. In vain your Excellency would console a loyal people with the assurance that your successor is an officer of high character and experience. Impartial history, in recording the eventful period of your administration, will celebrate your just estimation of the Canadian people; and pronounce, in accordance with the impartial verdict of the British Empire, that to you, under the protection of Divine Providence, it is mainly owing that Upper Canada has risen indignant, and expelled from her soil, a set of traitors at present leagued with pirates, the opprobrium of a neighbouring nation. On your return to our Father-land, deign to carry to the foot of the throne, the expression of our loyalty and devotion to our Gracious Queen; and explain to Her Majesty and the British people the sources of the late rebellion—and unmask the designs of those,

whoever or wherever they may be, who, under pretence of reform and redress of grievances, hoped to accomplish their revolutionary schemes. The hardy veterans, who marched with alacrity to put down rebellion, and who are now training us to the use of arms to repel the unjust aggression of a neighbouring people, will not be forgotten by you, nor suffered by a grateful country to languish, when their services are no longer required, in hopeless destitution.

May your Excellency, Lady Head and family land in safety on the shores of Britain, and may the blessings of Divine Providence attend you in the career of honor, loyalty and uncompromising integrity.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of Saint Thomas and its vicinity, beg leave to offer to your Excellency the expression of our unfeigned sorrow for your Excellency's approaching departure from this Province, and should be wanting in gratitude, did we not come forward to testify unequivocally, our high admiration of the ability and firmness displayed by your Excellency, in administering the Government of this Province.

We cannot too strongly express our regret that any difference of opinion between Her Majesty's Ministers and your Excellency, should have caused your Excellency to resign the Government of this Province, convinced that the policy pursued by your Excellency was the best calculated to promote the welfare of the loyal inhabitants of Upper Canada,

and to maintain the connection happily existing between this Province and the British Empire.

Your Excellency wisely determined to repose confidence, in the truly loyal and great majority of the people of Upper Canada, who are now proud to consider your Excellency as one of their greatest benefactors.

Dark clouds of gloomy apprehension hung over our political atmosphere when your Excellency assumed the Government of this Province—these have been promptly dissipated by the wisdom of your Excellency's administration, and a prospect of peace and prosperity already dawns upon us.

Satisfied that a consciousness of having done your duty to your Sovereign and to the loyal inhabitants of this Province will accompany your Excellency through life, we beg leave to add our humble prayer to the Almighty Dispenser of every blessing for your Excellency's welfare and happiness.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, resident in the village of New-Market and its vicinity, beg to assure your Excellency, that we learn with extreme regret, that the Civil Government of this Province is to continue for so short a time in your Excellency's charge.

At the time when it pleased our late Most Gracious Sovereign to select your Excellency to administer the Government of this important part of his Dominions, this Province was distracted by dissension,

and the friends of the Constitution in a state of despondency. How great, how happy has been the change during your Excellency's short but brilliant administration.

The designs of a rebellious faction, whose only object was to destroy the British Supremacy, have been signally defeated. A spirit of the most devoted loyalty has been aroused throughout the Province, arising from your Excelleney's firm and uncompromising adherence to the principles of the Constitution.

When we recall to our recollection, the events of your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Province; the universal respect and confidence with which you are regarded: we deeply lament that the policy of Her Majesty's Government has been such, as to lead to your Excellency's resignation.

In respectfully taking leave of your Excellency, we cannot refrain from expressing our earnest hope, that your Excellency will find in the approbation of our beloved Queen, and the applause and acknowledgment of the British Nation, a reward for your never-ceasing exertions and untiring zeal for the welfare of this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

To these expressions, we also most cordially add our sincere wishes for the domestic happiness of your Excellency, and your amiable Family.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Brantford and its neighbourhood, have learned with painful regret the resignation of your Excellency of

the administration of the Government of this Province; and we feel it the more sensibly at a period when we in common with all loyal subjects, have had reason to congratulate your Excellency upon the successful issue of the prompt and decisive measures adopted for the suppression of a most unnatural and base attempt by designing and wicked men, to subvert and overthrow the happy form of Government under which we live.

It is unnecessary to enter into a detail of the occurrences which have transpired during the administration of your Excellency, but we may be permitted to say, that although short, that administration has been fraught with events of the utmost importance to this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions. We are aware that on the arrival of your Excellency, and before the course of policy intended to be pursued by your Excellency could have been known beyond the simple avowal, that you were authorized to correct all "real grievances," your Excellency was assailed by a majority of the then House of Assembly, with a violence of abuse characteristic of the designs of unprincipled men, predetermined to dismember this fair Province from the Parent State; but your Excellency's uncompromising adherence to the principles of the British Constitution, so completely exposed the duplicity of those revolutionary attempts, that upon appealing to the constituency of the Country, your Excellency had the gratification to find, that the policy pursued by your Excellency, was in strict accordance with the loyal feelings of a large majority of freeholders of the Province, and we most cordially ascribe to the active and unbiassed energies of your Excellency's mind, the triumph of British principles over political incendiarism.

Entertaining these opinions with respect to the course pursued by your Excellency, we cannot but

express our unaffected regret, that from motives unknown to us, your Excellency has considered it expedient to resign the important trust confided to your care; but from whatever cause your Excellency's resignation may have proceeded, we have the consolation to believe, that your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province, will receive the unequivocal aprobation of our most Gracious Queen, and of the British Nation.

With these expressions, your Excellency will carry with you our sincere wishes for the lasting prosperity and happiness, of yourself and your amiable Family.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Inhabitants of Peterborough and its vicinity, in the District of Newcastle, approach your Excellency, to address you on the eve of your departure for the soil of your birth, and to express our regret, that instructions which an upright and honorable mind could not conscientiously comply with, obliged you in the faithful discharge of your difficult and important duty to your Queen and this Province, to resign a Government that has been filled, although arduously, with independence by England's Representative, and security to its inhabitants.

We cannot but review with satisfaction, the extraordinary political changes that have taken place since your arrival among us, and the call you made in the early part of your administration, to the sense and feeling of the people, on the dissolution of the House

of Assembly; late and present events but too fully prove, that your Excellency's decision of character saved our adopted Country from spoil and ruin.

We beheld with surprise and displeasure, the active and unconstitutional part taken in the late disturbances by citizens of a neighbouring State, professing friendship and neutrality; and congratulate Great Britain on having a just and firm supporter of our national faith and honor.

You have applauded the patriotism and loyalty of the Militia of this Country; depend upon it, they consider it their honor, as well as their interest, to maintain inviolate the laws of our happy Constitution.

If we have cause to lament our loss, we have likewise occasion to rejoice when we reflect on the representation that will be made in our behalf to our youthful and beloved Sovereign, that her Subjects in Upper Canada are loyal; and proudly claim as their birthright, the protection of the flag that waves over them, knowing that if it receives an insult, redress must follow.

In adverting to our regret at your Excellency's departure, and to our unshaken confidence in your decisic. under the present singular aspect of public affairs, we cannot refrain from expressing our sincere wishes for your happiness, and commending you to that Providence, which has so signally interposed for the safety and welfare of our adopted Country.

On leaving us, you carry with you the great prize of having discharged the duties of your appointment, with honor, spirit and integrity; you leave a people who deeply deplore your departure, and who affectionately wish to your Excellency and Family—a safe and speedy passage to your native land.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Inhabitants of Yonge Street and its immediate vicinity, learn with feelings of heartfelt sorrow, that your Excellency is about to leave us—to leave us at a time when your policy in the management of the Government of this Province has led to the happiest result.

Thanks to your Excellency, there is not to be found in this Province a single rebel in arms—and to our foreign enemies we can bid defiance. "Let them come if they dare."

Your Excellency's able conduct in the Cabinet, and gallant conduct during the rebellion, have won our hearts. You now know all the people in this Province, and we consider it a calamity to lose you at this time.

We still cling to the hope, that you will remain with us.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the loyal Inhabitants of the township of Tyendenaga, in the Midland District, U. C., beg leave humbly to approach your Excellency and represent—that we have with much regret learned that your Excellency is about to yield up the Government of this Province, which you have during a short but

eventful period so ably administered; and that we cannot omit an opportunity so favorable as the present to express our painful feelings at your departure, and our unqualified approbation of the numerous acts which have in a high degree distinguished your administration.

Called to preside over the affairs of this Colony at a time when the baneful domination of a faction began to prevail, and when a serious doubt existed as to the attachment of the inhabitants of this Province to their Mother Country and British institutions, you assumed the reins of Government with a resolution to redress all real grievances, and a determination to point out to many who had been deluded by the sophistries of wicked and artful men, that the imaginary grivances so cried up by them had no existence.

Gifted with an energy of mind which enabled you to give good effect to your wise resolutions, the country told you when appealed to, that your opinion of its loyalty was not a wrong one—and enjoyed the well deserved pleasure of seeing the Province rise in its might, and proclaim that your judgment was correct, and that no temporary departure from the principles of true British liberty would ever have effect when called upon in the manner you called upon them, to prove their loyalty and devotion to their country.

When the Province had so redeemed itself, and began to enjoy the good effects of your mild administration, we cannot sufficiently express our indignation that a few misguided men, led on by others whose treachery could only be equalled by their hypocrisy, should dare to raise the standard of rebellion, and threaten yourself and us with what we hold dearer than our lives, the subversion of the British Constitution. But we rejoice to say, that the inhabitants of

this Province proved to your Excellency, that what they had so bravely maintained at the hustings, they would *as bravely defend with their lives.*

We offer to your Excellency our congratulations upon the satisfactory result which your Excellency's prompt and determined conduct during the late rebellion has produced, and the undoubted character for loyalty which that conduct, and the general tenor of your Excellency's administration, has procured for the Province.

And we beg leave to assure you, that in departing from us, you take with you our *heartfelt* wishes for your future prosperity, and our prayers that in whatever part of the British Dominions Providence may allot to you, there may attend you a continuation of the bright career which your Government of this Province has obtained for you.

We beg your Excellency to convey to Lady Head and your family, our fervent wishes for their happiness, and our assurance that they will always be in our remembrance.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Inhabitants of the District of Prince Edward, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency with the expression of our deep regret, felt in common with the other loyal Inhabitants of Upper Canada, on learning that you have resigned the high and important station of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, filled by your Excellency with such honor to yourself, and lasting advantage to the Empire.

We view with alarm and distrust, the differences in Colonial policy, which have at the present crisis deprived the Crown and the people, of the abilities and services of a zealous servant of Her Majesty; which distrust and alarm we have the more cause to entertain, from our knowledge of your Excellency's firm, constitutional and judicious administration of the Government of this Province, during a time of difficulty unparalleled in its annals—a conduct which we had hoped would have received the continued gracious approbation of your Sovereign.

We are fully sensible, that this Province and the British Empire have incurred a deep debt of gratitude to your Excellency, for your efforts in suppressing the late base attempts, by force of arms, to sever the connection at present happily existing with the Parent State,—an attempt which has exhibited to the world as traitors, many who, under the garb of reform and a cry for responsible Government, had so long concealed their real intentions.

We trust that while your Excellency's departure from the Government of this Province is attended with the deep regrets of its loyal Inhabitants, you will experience satisfaction in the assurance, that your Excellency is accompanied with the anxious solicitude of a grateful people, for your welfare and happiness, and with their sincere hopes, that your invaluable services while Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, will yet be duly appreciated by our Gracious Sovereign.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, Inhabitants of the loyal County of Huron, have learned

with the utmost regret, that your Excellency is about to retire from the Government of this portion of the British Dominions.

From whatever cause this unexpected blow may have proceeded, be beg to assure your Excellency, that you will depart from Upper Canada accompanied by the sincere regrets of every well-disposed inhabitant, not only of this county, but we are satisfied of this Province, in whose opinion your administration of the Government, during the short period of your holding office, has redounded to your own honor, and has been of incalculable advantage to the people over whom it has pleased Providence, in infinite mercy to place you.

Assailed as you have been since the commencement of your Government, by the insidious and open attacks of an insignificant and occult band of traitors, aided by a vicious and licentious portion of the public press, we have watched with intense anxiety the statesmanlike policy, and parental solicitude you have at all times displayed in protecting our freedom, and upholding our Constitution inviolate.

Under your firm, temperate, and constitutional rule, and through the wise measures which you have adopted in the administration of its finances, Upper Canada is the only Government on the North American continent which has escaped national bankruptcy; and misunderstood as we have been in the Mother Country, your Excellency's judicious and generous confidence in the loyalty and good feeling of the people, has demonstrated to the world, that in the mighty empire over which it has pleased God to appoint Her Majesty to preside, she has not a body of subjects more loyal and devoted than the people of Upper Canada, as unaided by a single regular soldier, we have proved ourselves willing and able, not only to suppress internal rebellion, but to repel foreign aggression from the

shores of Her Majesty's Dominions entrusted to our care.

You are now, Sir, quitting our country, and as we have nothing to expect from you were we to flatter you, you may safely trust us, when we declare in honesty and sincerity of heart, that your departure inspires us with the sincerest sorrow, and that we strongly feel all the benefits that your too short stay has bestowed upon us. Permit us to wish your Excellency all health and happiness wherever you may be, and that you may in future, should you ever be called upon to serve Her Majesty in any capacity, serve under those who are as capable of appreciating your merits and virtues, as we who have the honor to subscribe ourselves your admirers and well-wishers.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Inhabitants of the townships of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth, in the County of Simcoe and their vicinity, having heard of your Excellency's resignation of the Government of this Province, cannot allow your Excellency to leave us without expressing our unfeigned regret at your departure.

We, who now address you, are principally emigrants from the Mother Country, and were induced to make Upper Canada our future home, from the hope and belief, that we should there enjoy to the full extent, the blessing and protection of the British Constitution, which from our infancy, we had been taught to cherish and believe better calculated than any other form of Government, to insure our happiness

and prosperity. The preservation, therefore, of that glorious Constitution, in all its purity, is our most earnest wish; and we in common with our fellow Subjects in this Province, feel truly grateful to your Excellency for the bold and uncompromising manner in which you have met and put down the various attacks that have been made upon it, during your short but eventful administration.

Short as your Excellency's Government of this Colony has been, we feel confident, that it will be productive of lasting benefits, and that Her Majesty, after the most rigid scrutiny of all your Excellency's acts while here, will deplore losing the services of so efficient a Representative in this portion of her Dominions.

While we earnestly pray, that your Excellency and Family may reach in safety your native land, we indulge the hope, that your Excellency will not forget Upper Canada, but by making known to our Gracious Sovereign, the loyalty and attachment of its inhabitants to her person and Government, use your influence in having the British Constitution so administered as to perpetuate our happy connection with the land of our birth.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Officers of the Militia of the Western District of Upper Canada, having been informed of your Excellency's intended retirement from the high Office of Lieutenant Governor, cannot allow our representative, Mr. Prince, to proceed to

Toronto, without conveying by him our deep regret, that your Excellency should have deemed it expedient to tender your resignation, and that Her Majesty should have been advised to accept such resignation.

We beg permission to express to your Excellency, the high opinion which we have ever entertained and ever shall entertain of your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province; and most deeply and unaffectedly do we lament, that at this particular crisis, this country should be so suddenly and unexpectly bereft of your most important services as Lieutenant Governor.

We heartily and sincerely hope, that your Excellency may enjoy long life and happiness in whatever situation Providence may be pleased to place your Excellency; and we beg to assure you that we, in common with all Her Majesty's loyal Subjects in this Province, will ever entertain a grateful recollection of your Excellency, as the Chief Magistrate and Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Prescott, in the District of Ottawa, beg leave to approach your Excellency, with our unfeigned and ardent thanks for the able, zealous and uncompromising stand, which you Excellency has so uniformly and successfully made, in the defence and vindication of British principles, and of our glorious Constitution, against the unprincipled attacks of foreign and domestic traitors.

By the splendid series of moral and physical achievments with which your Excellency's administration has adorned the pages of our Provincial history for the last two years, your Excellency has erected a memorial of fame, which Upper Canada will proudly acknowledge and preserve to after ages.

Yet, while we contemplate with grateful pride, the course and results of your Excellency's admistration, we should do violence to our feelings were we to abstain from the expression of our profound regret, mortification and disappointment, at the sudden recall of your Excellency, from the exalted station which you have so ably and honorably filled during a period of unexampled danger and difficulty.

On assuming the Government of Upper Canada, your Excellency found the whole Province distracted by the machinations of a seditious and unprincipled faction. In two brief years, how striking the contrast! Your Excellency's first appeal to the loyalty and good sense of Upper Canada, met with a fitting and characteristic response from the brave and loyal constituency of the Province; and the innate feeling and principle of loyalty which led a united people to rally in the support of your Excellency's administration in that period of trial and difficulty, have been still more strikingly manifested in the late momentous crisis. Your Excellency, though thus prematurely withdrawn from your charge, will have the supreme and consoling satisfaction of leaving the people of Upper Canada peaceful, loyal and united, and with nothing to regret, on their part, but the policy which has induced Her Majesty's Ministers to revoke your Excellency's appointment; and in deploring that policy, we heartily coincide with the Address of the Honorable House of Assembly, on this subject, and especially in earnestly and emphatically declaring, that "if any thing be calculated to shake the attach-

ment of Her Majesty's devoted Subjects to her Royal person and Government, it is by acts of injustice, or the manifestation of ungenerous distrust towards public officers who have served the British Nation so faithfully and nobly as your Excellency has done."

Respectfully bidding your Excellency farewell, our heartfelt prayers, and our best wishes, will accompany your Excellency and your amiable Family, on your departure from the shores of Canada.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects of the township of Georgina, have learnt with unfeigned regret your Excellency's recall from the Government of this Province.

Conscious of the various difficulties your Excellency has had to encounter in the administration of the Province, and of the firmness and decision your Excellency has displayed in meeting and overcoming them, we cannot but consider the deprivation of your Excellency's services, at this juncture, as a great public calamity, in a time of peculiar need.

We cannot allow your Excellency to leave us without expressing our conviction, that under the Providence of Almighty God, to your wise and judicious measures are we indebted for the suppression of a wicked and unnatural rebellion, whose object was the dismemberment of this Province from the parent country, and the ruin of every loyal supporter of Her Majesty's Government.

In leaving this Colony, it must afford your Excellency a proud satisfaction to know, that you carry with you the kindest wishes of a grateful people.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of Sandwich, beg to express our deep regret at your Excellency's recall from the administration of affairs in the Upper Province.

We feel confident, there could not have been selected for that recall, a more unapposite and unpropitious time than the present. We cannot avoid mentioning one important fact. At your Excellency's first arrival, from whatever cause, it matters not now to enquire, your Excellency was most ungenerously assailed by every newspaper in both Provinces, and had to encounter an universal opposition; yet, so firm, so constitutional and so just was the policy adopted by your Excellency, that they who manifested a strenuous disapproval, ere long, lifted their voices in as strong an approbation. Nor did this change arise from fickleness or caprice; but from that respect, which wise and upright Statesmen ever acquire from Britons. Your Excellency has twice tested this, with most unequivocal results,—in the last election, and in the present rebellion,—a rebellion, that perchance, had been rife still, if your Excellency's judicious measures, from the first, had not fairly conquered disaffection.

Not only do we deplore your Excellency's recall, but the period of it does not diminish that feeling. Your Excellency has hitherto stood by the helm, and

guided our gallant vessel safely through the most critical and dangerous extent of her course; and we had trusted, that your Excellency would have carried her into her haven, proudly and undamaged, defying foreign treachery and attack. We were buoyant with the hope, that your Excellency would have reaped the laurels, and enjoyed with us the fruits of a triumph, which you had planned and brought almost to a happy consummation; for it is our firm conviction, that but for your Excellency's decided and inflexible tone, which has enforced respect from within and without, a war, kindled by malevolence, had now desolated the entire length of our frontier.

We would humbly entreat your Excellency to transmit these our sentiments to the Colonial Office, as a small testimony of our esteem for your Excellency's talents and integrity, and our sorrow at the loss about to be inflicted upon our Province. We will merely observe, that the confidence inspired by your Excellency would have induced us to regard lightly the fatigue, privations and hardships, incident to protecting our extended western frontier from foreign invasion, during the rigor of a Canadian winter; although loyalty to our young Queen, and devotion to the mighty Empire to which we belong, will urge us to undiminished efforts, and we trust, with similar success, should a foreign and astute foe again dare to pollute the soil of our District.

Your Excellency will depart with the cheering reflection of having, by a policy applauded by conscience, converted the gloomy murmurings of a Province, at your appointment over it, into a warm attachment, aud an unfeigned affliction at your removal. We bear witness to your Excellency's faithfulness and unremitting exertions in discharge of your duty to our Gracious Queen and to our Country. That Heaven may ever bless and prosper your Excellency for it, are our fervent prayers.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned loyal Inhabitants of the village of Streetsville and its vicinity, most respectfully beg leave to address your Excellency, to express our feelings of deep and unfeigned regret at hearing of your Excellency's resignation of the Government of this Province, and intended retirement from amongst us.

During the period of your administration, your path has been beset with numerous obstacles by a base and rebellious faction, but, through the sound policy pursued by your Excellency, your firm and determined opposition to their views, you have finally frustrated their unhallowed designs, and again restored to us the benign blessings of peace.

We shall ever have reason to bear your name in our most grateful recollections as the saviour of our Country, from the hands of the bloody assassins who but lately polluted its soil.

With feelings of deep interest for your welfare, we heartily wish your Excellency and your amiable Family, a safe and pleasant transit to the happy land of your nativity.

In taking leave of your Excellency, we beg to tender you our sincere thanks for the important services which you have rendered this Province—in so impartially administering its Government, and conferring so many inestimable blessings on its inhabitants.

May health and prosperity be ever with you and your family.—Farewell.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned loyal Inhabitants of the townships of Cramahe and Haldimand, having learnt, that we are about to be deprived of your Excellency's most valuable services and protection, which during the whole period of your Excellency's administration, have been so unremittingly and so successfully exercised to promote the true interests and prosperity of this great and glorious Province, beg leave respectfully to state, that this unexpected and unwelcome intelligence has filled us with dismay and the deepest regret. We should have lamented your Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Province, at any time since your arrival among us, but at the present juncture, and under the circumstances, so honorable to yourself, which we have reason to believe have occasioned the misfortune, we consider the event as most peculiarly deplorable.

We beg to express to your Excellency, our unfeigned attachment, and our ardent wishes for your future health and prosperity.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

It was with feelings of unfeigned regret, that the Inhabitants of the town of Hamilton and its vicinity, saw the announcement, that your Excellency had

been constrained, from some difference on the matters of Colonial policy with Her Majesty's Government, to tender your resignation as Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

At the time of your Excellency's arrival in this Province, the House of Assembly was under the control of an anti-British faction, who were straining every nerve to compel the Government into acts subversive of the Constitution, and to revolutionise the Country. Your Excellency, with signal vigor and ability, unmasked the designs of those wicked men: and calling around you the loyal Inhabitants of Upper Canada, overthrew their power, and procured a Parliament true to British principles, and earnestly zealous for the best interests of this Province.

In the general admiration excited by this act of your Excellency's administration, none more warmly participated than the Inhabitants of the town of Hamilton and its vicinity; and we have felt equal gratification at the decisive conduct since displayed by your Excellency, in reposing, with such unhesitating confidence, on the loyalty and patriotism of the Inhabitants of Upper Canada, and in accompanying them, personally, to resist the wicked conspiracy of its internal enemies, as well as the subsequent aggression of its treacherous allies.

By this extraordinary vigor, your Excellency has fully realised the expectations of the friends of the British Constitution in this Province, and called forth a display of loyalty which will serve as a convincing proof to the world, that British principles are too deeply seated in this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions, to be overthrown by a faction, let their professions be what they may.

It now but remains for us to bid your Excellency a respectful farewell, and to assure your Excellency, that wherever your approving Sovereign may require

your services, in no part of Britain's wide spread Empire will those services be more fully appreciated, or gratefully remembered, than by the Inhabitants of the town of Hamilton and its vicinity.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Officers, Non-commissioned, and Private Soldiers of the Midland District of Upper Canada, assembled and doing duty for the protection of Kingston, the Key of Upper Canada, which we feel justly proud in having held in our safe keeping since the outbreaking of the most foul and unnatural rebellion that ever disgraced the annals of a civilized community, approach your Excellency as the representative of our beloved Sovereign, at a time when every true Canadian and British heart feels keenly the loss we are about to experience in the removal of your Excellency from the Government of our Country, which you have so nobly shewn can defend itself both against the machinations of traitors to its Constitutions within, and the display of unexampled and unlooked for enmity without, at a time too when from the lapse of nearly a quarter of a century of profound peace, Upper Canada was, it was supposed by those who arrayed themselves against her honour and her peace, destitute of that military ardour which enabled her during the last war to set foreign invasion at defiance, with means apparently then also inadequate to the defence of her extended and exposed frontier.

Your Excellency, attacked in the capital by a band of lawless marauders, no sooner sounded the cry "to arms," than the rapacious and blood-thirsty spoilers were discomfited and dispersed, and ten thousand brave militiamen rushed to your banner from all parts, whilst here at Kingston the only struggle was between the Regiments of the Midland and Eastern Districts, which should, having first reinforced the Capital, secure the most important military position on the Great Lakes.

The marauders desired to apportion out amongst their rash and deluded followers our fertile and smiling lands, and finding the militia had so resolutely ejected them from the soil, sought refuge in a territory whose people were in a state of profound peace with Great Britain.

An unholy union for a time kept the Erie frontier of Upper Canada in a state of actual war, but the invaders were speedily punished, and ejected for ever.

To your Excellency's energetic measures the militia of Upper Canada owe the proud station they have once again attained, and when you leave us, Sir, in their hearts will your memory and your name hold a fond and grateful recollection.

In camp, in quarters, on the field, the militiaman and the volunteer will mingle the revered name of Isaac Brock with that of Francis Bond Head—both have led them to victory.

And long in Upper Canada will the hearth resound with the cheering recollections of the Yonge Street defeat, the repulse at Chippewa, and last, though not least, the flight in the London District, and the *disaster* at Malden. Then shall your name "*in our orisons be duly remembered*," and become familiar in our mouths "*as household words*."

May your Excellency also recollect us, and may that Providence which has guided you and us through this storm in safety be your shield and your safeguard, in your voyage homewards and through life.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Chatham and its vicinity, have lately heard, with sincere regret, that your Excellency has resigned the Government of this Province.

We cannot allow your Excellency to leave us without adding our assurance to that of the other Inhabitants of the Province, that we have ever admired the spirit by which your Excellency has evidently been actuated during your residence among us, and the open and manly policy of your administration.

We add our feeble voice to that of every other loyal man in Upper Canada, in applauding your Excellency's energy and decision during the late unfortunate disturbances; and we rejoice, that under your command, it has been in our power to prove our attachment to the Constitution and Laws of our forefathers.

In taking leave of your Excellency, we offer our best and most sincere wishes for your future happiness: and we assure you, that in the days of our prosperity, we shall not forget how nobly and firmly you stood by us in our short hour of trouble.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of the village of Paris and its vicinity, beg leave to address your Excellency on retiring from the Government of this Province.

It is much to be regretted that any difference of opinion on points of Colonial policy should have arisen between your Excellency and Her Majesty's Government at home, and more especially at this eventful period, when, by the machinations of a few evil and designing men, the Province has been nearly involved in all the miseries of civil and bloody war, but which, through the mercy of Divine Providence, your Excellency's prompt and vigorous measures, and the gallantry of the brave and loyal inhabitants of the Province, has been speedily, and we trust effectually, put down.

The short period of your Excellency's administration enables us at one glance to bring under view the whole course of policy pursued by your Excellency, and we must confess we perceive nothing emanating from your Excellency in word or deed, which can in the slightest degree be interpreted as objectionable; on the contrary, the wisdom and promptitude you have on all occasions displayed in upholding the dignity of the Crown, and maintaining our glorious Constitution inviolate, call for the highest expression of admiration and gratitude on our part, and we trust when our youthful and most Gracious Queen shall be called upon to take a similar view of your Excellency's administration of the Government of this

Province, Her Majesty will find no difficulty in awarding to you a full measure of Her Royal approbation.

And now, on the eve of your Excellency's departure, we humbly beg leave to tender our warmest acknowledgments for the many benefits you have conferred upon ourselves and the Province at large, and in taking leave, permit us to express our ardent wishes for the happiness and welfare of yourself and amiable Family, and in doing so, we most respectfully bid your Excellency farewell.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of Bytown and vicinity, beg leave to express our most unfeigned sorrow to learn, that your Excellency has considered it necessary to resign the Government of Upper Canada.

Unacquainted with the reasons which moved your Excellency to take such a step, we can only deplore the policy which divests the local Government of a necessary power, thus causing changes of Rulers prejudicial alike to the interests of the Colony and the Mother Country.

We have seen with admiration, the energy and activity which your Excellency has exerted to ascertain and secure our best interests during your short administration, which under Providence, have saved us from the horrors of a civil war; and we therefore the more deeply grieve, that we should be deprived of your Excellency's valuable services at this delicate and difficult crisis.

We humbly request, that your Excellency will be pleased to lay these our sentiments at the foot of the Throne.

AMHERSTBURG, WESTERN DISTRICT,
22nd *January*, 1838.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

An appalling rumour having most unexpectedly reached this remote quarter of the Province, that your Excellency has either been recalled by the Home Government, or that you have deemed it expedient to tender your resignation—

We, as a small but anxious portion of the grateful population of a Province which has twice owed its salvation to the wise, prompt and energetic measures adopted by your Excellency in its behalf, most respectfully beg permission, in so unlooked for a dilemma, to be put in possession by your Excellency of such information as will either set our fears at rest, or, by placing this astounding intelligence beyond a doubt, enable us, in common with the rest of the inhabitants of Upper Canada, to take such immediate steps as may be deemed most likely to avert the most deadly blow that could, at the present eventful crisis, be struck at either the energetic patriotic exertions, or the rapidly reviving prosperity of the Province.

Withholding the further expression of our opinions until favoured with your Excellency's' acknowledgment of this address.

We have the honor to remain, with that devoted respect and admiration which must ever be due to the saviour of a Country, your Excellency's most obedient, and most humble servants—

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the township of Dalhousie, in the Bathurst District, having learned with deep and unfeigned regret, that it is your Excellency's intention to retire from the Government of this Province, beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we would deem it a matter of deep regret at any time, to lose the services of a man who has so uniformly proved himself so able, and so promptly willing to devote his great power and unrivalled talents to the best interest of his Country; and at a time like the present, when we have been threatened with one of the greatest evils that could possibly, in a political point of view, affect us, we only echo the sentiments expressed by the inhabitants of the Province in general, when we state, that we look on the removal of your Excellency from the head of the Government in the present state of the Province, as a calamity of no small magnitude.

We admire the noble feeling which actuated your Excellency, when you so cheerfully, and so amiably represented our Gracious Sovereign in extending the Royal clemency so well entrusted to your charge, to the poor deluded dupes found in arms against their fair and lawful Sovereign, who had been spurred up and led to rebellion, by the base artifices of some of the most ungrateful and truly *contemptible* traitors, whose history has disgraced the annals of modern times.

We rejoice with all the good and loyal in the Province, that the brave Militia of Upper Canada

has, under Divine Providence, been the chief means of crushing the late unnatural rebellion, and we admire the wisdom of your Excellency, that trusted the noble deed to the loyalty of their hearts, and the prowess of their arms. The alacrity with which every Militiaman flew to arms at the call of his Country, will convince the world, that such a current of pure loyalty flows through the vast forests of Upper Canada, as the open or concealed enemies of the illustrious House of Brunswick, *will never be able to stem.*

We have every confidence, that your Excellency will be pleased to represent the services of the gallant Militia Volunteers in the proper quarter, and we doubt not, but our excellent Government will in its usual munificent manner, reward the services of both officers and men: and we trust, that so soon as your Excellency will see that their farther services at the time can be dispensed with, that you will cause our townsmen to be restored to the bosom of their families, from whence they will again spring like lions, when their Country needs their aid.

In conclusion, we sincerely hope, that every comfort and happiness may be the lot of your Excellency, in your person and family, and that you may have a safe and pleasant passage to your native land, and be long spared as the faithful servant of our Sovereign, and the unflinching supporter of the British Constitution.

CANADA COMPANY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, 23rd *January,* 1838.

SIR,

As Commissioners of the Canada Company, a public body possessing so deep an interest in the prosperity of Upper Canada, we beg to assure your Excellency of our sincere regret at your approaching retirement from the Government of this Colony.

Our official duty having of necessity led to frequent intercourse with your Excellency on the affairs of the Company, it affords us much pleasure, previous to your Excellency's departure from this Country, to tender our acknowledgments of the unvaried kindness with which your Excellency has been pleased to receive such communications as we have had to make, and of the liberal and impartial interpretation which has always been given by your Excellency to such parts of the Canada Company's Agreement with Her Majesty's Government as the attention of your Excellency has from time to time been directed to.

Wishing your Excellency many years of happiness and prosperity,

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
Humble servants,

W. ALLAN,
THO'S MERCER JONES,
Commissioners.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD,
Bart., Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanovarian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Magistrates and loyal Inhabitants of the County of Hastings, beg leave to approach your Excellency, and to declare—

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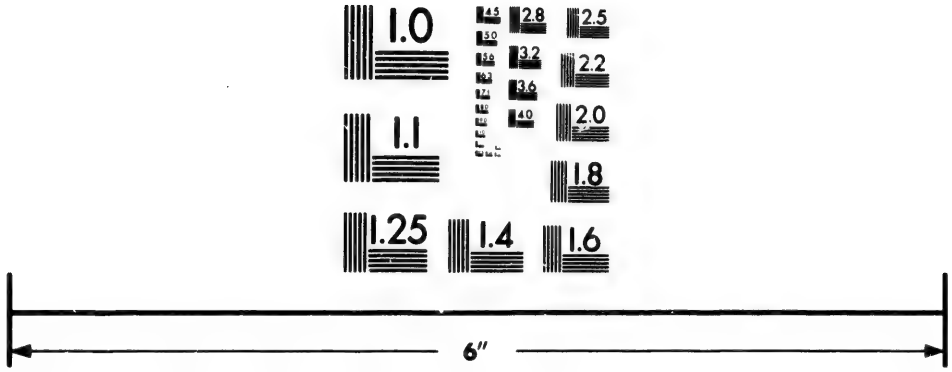

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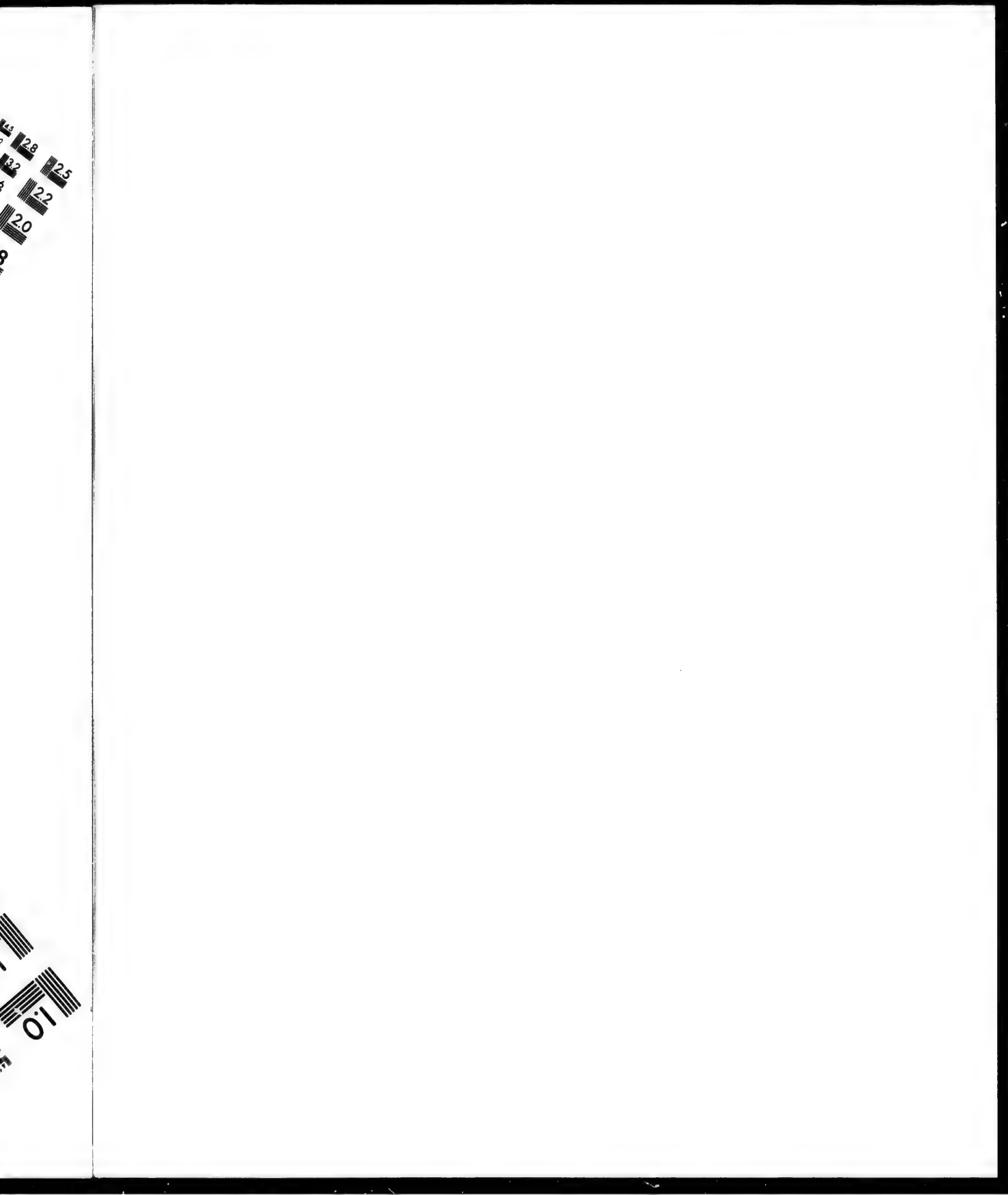
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That we have heard with deep regret that your Excellency is about to leave the Province, and we feel assured that it will by no means be considered valueless, that your Excellency should carry with you into your retirement, the knowledge, that we, the loyal inhabitants of this county, consider that this Province is deeply indebted to your Excellency for the prompt and able manner with which you came forward in an hour of extreme danger and difficulty, and rescued the Country, and our beloved Institutions, from the horrors of a civil war, and the licentious control of a mob.

Called as your Excellency was to the administration of the Government at a time when revolution and rebellion threatened the destruction of British supremacy in this Province—surrounded by the manifold difficulties which false friends constantly placed before your Excellency as a "stumbling-block," we can, and do, duly appreciate the firm and dignified manner in which you have ever maintained the integrity of the British Empire, and defended for the people of this Province, and maintained untarnished and unimpaired, their happy and glorious Constitution.

Great as is our regret, from the simple fact of your Excellency's having resigned the reins of Government, our sorrow is doubly increased from the circumstances which have led to it, and it proves, if proof were needed, that throughout the whole of your public career in this Province your Excellency has had but one object in view, namely, the good of the Province—the untarnished integrity of the Empire.

Deeply is it to be lamented, that the advisers of Her Majesty have chosen rather to listen to the dictates of popular clamor, than the advice and opinion of an independent, responsible, and worthy representative of their august Mistress; for in pursuing this hasty

course, and not allowing time to test between their opinions, formed upon doubt, and your Excellency's, founded upon fact, and a positive knowledge of undoubted proofs, they have deprived their Sovereign of the services of an able and zealous Officer, and Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province of the most efficient defender of their rights that it has pleased Providence should be sent to this Colony to administer the Government.

As the County of Hastings was first in the glorious contest of the elective franchise, to sustain the independent course your Excellency had marked out for yourself in the late political crisis, when rebels, under the guise of reform, sought to subvert our happy and glorious Constitution, so do we now declare our adherence to those great principles of political integrity, at the shrine of which your Excellency has been pleased to sacrifice the honor of being your Queen's Representative in this Province.

Should it so happen, that, in course of events, your Excellency should again return to this country to resume the reins of Government, now at a most critical period transferred to inexperienced hands, we should greet with delight and joy your return amongst us.

May a long, prosperous and happy life, and every blessing which Providence can bestow, here and hereafter, be the reward of your Excellency's conduct, and may Lady Head, and your Family, be benefitted in like manner, through the kindest dispensations of Providence, is the sincere prayer of us all.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Cornwall, have learned with regret, that having differed in opinion with Her Majesty's Government, in some important subject of Colonial policy, your Excellency has been compelled from a sense of duty, to tender your resignation of the Government of this Province.

The subject upon which your Excellency has been forced thus to differ, is unknown to us, and we cannot of course express any opinion upon the question at issue—but when we recollect the firm, vigorous and constitutional manner in which your Excellency has, under most unprecedented dangers and difficulties, upheld the prerogative of the Crown, and maintained inviolate the liberties and privileges of Her Majesty's Subjects in this Province, we cannot but feel, that in accepting your resignation, Her Majesty's Ministers have inflicted a deep and lasting injury upon the interests of the Colony.

From the moment in which you assumed the Government of this Province, your Excellency has been assailed by the untiring opposition and groundless hatred of a wicked and revolutionary faction.—Trusting for support in the loyalty of those you were called upon to govern, your Excellency offered a firm and successful resistance to the machinations of the leaders of this traitorous cabal. In thus confiding in the attachment of a devoted people, your Excellency has been more than conqueror—for while the guilty have been driven from the flock, the deluded have been brought back to the fold.

The feelings of the heart can only be honestly expressed in the simple and unpretending language of truth: and we trust your Excellency will believe, that in taking leave of you, we feel a sorrow as deep as the benefits your Excellency has conferred on the Province, will be lasting. We fervently pray, that your Excellency will receive from the hands of our beloved Queen, the reward to which you are justly entitled, and that every blessing, spiritual and temporal, may attend your Excellency and family, wherever it may please the Almighty Disposer of events hereafter to place you.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Oxford, duly convened by public notice, beg leave respectfully to address your Excellency, and to express our deep concern at the announcement of your resignation of the Government of this Province.

Under ordinary circumstances, we would receive this intelligence with painful anxiety, but in the actual situation of the Province, whether in respect to its internal state or external prospects, we must deplore the communication, as a great national calamity.

When your Excellency assumed the Government, a factious organization, already marked by unequivocal symptoms, a determined hostility to the British Throne, and attempted in that spirit to control your Government, and to overthrow our Constitution; we

look back with unqualified approbation to your Excellency's firmness on that occasion, and to the constitutional appeal you then made for support to the loyalty of the Province, and to which, under Divine favour, we now stand indebted for the preservation of our liberties.

The same wise and uncompromising conduct has marked the entire course of your Excellency's Government, but although the limits of an Address will not admit of an enumeration of what has been thus done, under your directions, for the benefit of the Province, we cannot pass over the magnanimous and honorable course adopted by your Excellency in a moment of severe and most critical difficulty, when the whole commercial credit of America was shaken to its foundation. The noble stand then successfully made under your Excellency's auspices to sustain British integrity in her commercial engagements, amidst the contagion and temptation then spread around us, demands our gratitude not less than our admiration.

But if our obligations are here great and lasting, we are at a loss adequately to express what we, and the entire Province, owe to your Excellency for the wisdom, the promptitude and ability, you have displayed in crushing the unnatural Rebellion attempted to be excited in this hitherto peaceful and happy land.

We are aware that objections may be raised, by factious demagogues, to the policy of sending the regular forces to the assistance of the Lower Province, but the devoted feelings in your Excellency's breast would have already convinced you, that appeal could confidently be made, under any emergency, to the same patriotism and loyalty your firmness and wisdom had already so triumphantly drawn forth.

We feel that the Upper Province has nobly responded to this call, and has marked in characters not to be misunderstood, that its loyalty and attachment

to the British Throne, and to the Constitution as established in this Province, is not to be shaken by domestic traitors, or subverted by foreign duplicity. It is now demonstrated to the world that this Province seeks not, as she has been misrepresented, any alienation from the Parent State, and is determined at all hazards, to preserve a connection with which her best and dearest interests are identified. We are not of those who have any fears as to the result, except it arises from a change in the wise and provident government your Excellency has established. Our cause is a righteous one—no less than the defence of our altars and firesides—and as such, we can look for protection to Almighty power; but whilst we hail with satisfaction the moderation and vigour of your Excellency's measures on the frontier, which demand our warmest acknowledgments, we are ready and willing, with our lives and fortunes, if need require, to sustain them, by repelling foreign aggression or interference of any kind, yet still desirous to cultivate, if permitted, the relations of amity with our neighbours.

We lament that so little of this spirit has been shewn, by the insult offered to our most Gracious Sovereign in the invasion of our Province by an armed band of American Citizens, uncontroled by American authority, who have waged war and committed bloodshed on the Subjects of Her Majesty, engaged in the recovery of a part of the British territory, then audaciously held by rebels. We trust reparation has been or will be demanded for this outrage, in which the honor and independence of the British Empire is involved. Of your Excellency's feelings on this subject we can have no doubt, and are equally confident that in your hands no insult would be offered to the British Nation with impunity.

Again we repeat our unfeigned regret, that at such a moment we are deprived of your Excellency's

presence and commanding influence and abilities; and although we deprecate any interference with the prerogative of our Gracious Queen, we cannot but look with anxious solicitude to a change in the Government of the Province, accompanied as it is by a notification that any part of your administration of its affairs does not meet the approbation of Her Majesty's Ministers.

It remains only for us to express our warm and most affectionate wishes for your Excellency welfare. You have nobly fulfilled the high duties of the station to which you were called, and can conscientiously repose in future life on the conviction of having thus earned the unfading gratitude of the Province, which owes to your paternal care the preservation of its laws, its liberties and happiness.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the undersigned inhabitants of the County of Glengarry, have learned with the most sincere regret, that in consequence of a difference of opinion between your Excellency and Her Majesty's Advisers, your Excellency has deemed it your duty to resign the Government of this Province.

When we reflect upon the factious opposition which your Excellency encountered upon your assuming this Government, not only from the majority of the then House of Assembly, but from those who were the sworn advisers and confidential servants of the Crown; the prompt manner in which you thwarted the designing views of the one, and rebutted the insidious professions of the other; the successful result of your

appeal to the People, to aid you to maintain the Constitution; the reliance you placed upon their loyalty, at a moment when Her Majesty's forces were withdrawn from the Province; and the energy you displayed in crushing a Rebellion, as unnatural as it was unforseen: when we reflect upon all this, we beg to assure your Excellency, that if any thing could shake our loyalty to our Sovereign, or our confidence in the justice of the Imperial Government, there are but few things that would be more calculated to do both, than the recalling your Excellency at so critical a period: and in these sentiments, we believe, would unite with us about a thousand of our fellow Subjects of this county, who, at the call of your Excellency's gallant and excellent Predecessor, have gone to Lower Canada to assist in maintaining the peace of that Province, as well as to guard against the machinations of a portion of our republican neighbours.

Trusting that your Excellency's important services to this Province, will meet with that approbation from our Gracious Queen which they so justly merit; and that you and your family may long enjoy every earthly comfort, we respectfully bid your Excellency —Farewell.

AMHERSTBURG, WESTERN DISTRICT,
22nd *January*, 1838.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

Scarcely had the late hurried yet respectful address to your Excellency, by a majority of the

undersigned, either residing in this immediate neighbourhood, or assembled in arms at the call of their country, at this important remote point of the Canadian frontier, been despatched, when the truth of the paralizing rumour of your Excellency's resignation burst upon them, in the public announcement of your Excellency's message to Parliament, on the 15th inst.

The object of their anxious appeal being thus unhappily anticipated, all that now remains to the undersigned is—without waiting for the honor of your Excellency's reply—at once to unite with the rest of the loyal and grateful inhabitants of Upper Canada, and more particularly with their spirited and talented Representatives in both Chambers of the Provincial Legislature, in the expression of the poignant regret with which they contemplate your Excellency's sudden departure from a country which, in so short a period, has owed so much to the wisdom and decision of your Excellency eventful administration of its Government, at the same time that they are bound to admire that noble disinterested bearing which could promptly sacrifice all selfish considerations rather than submit to the humiliating un British predicament of being the servile instrument of carrying into effect, at the beck of an uninformed distant Colonial Secretary, measures which neither your sounder judgment nor better experience, *on the spot*, could approve.

Coinciding, more especially, in the sterling sentiments expressed by our Representatives in the House of Assembly, as embodying the direct unfettered echo of the feelings of a high-minded, loyal and discerning people, we deem it a waste of words to add here a single sentence to so noble, so perfect, and yet so well earned a tribute to your Excellency's merits, and therefore content ourselves with the simple expression of our renewed affectionate regrets at your Excellency's approaching departure; and confidently

leaving the more just appreciation of your Excellency's invaluable services to the calm and dignified award of the Senate of our Mother Country, and the degree and nature of their high reward to the unsophisticated warm heart of our beloved Sovereign, unite in imploring the Divine blessing on your Excellency's future career, whether to be spent in the even and more happy tenor of domestic retirement, or to be devoted, as we hope it soon will be, to more stirring scenes in the service of your country.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, of the Township of Orillia, again approach your Excellency, without any abatement of those feelings which induced us, on the first day of the present year, unanimously to express our loyalty to the British Crown, and our gratitude to your Excellency personally, for your uncompromising zeal and superior talent in the discharge of the arduous duties of this Province.

We repeat that your intense application, talent, knowledge of the real causes of complaint, your endeavour to remedy all evils without compromising the Constitution, have been the means, under Divine Providence, of warding off the blow which has been, and now is aimed at us by the Subjects of a neighbouring power, professedly in amity with Great Britain.

That under all these circumstances we cannot avoid expressing our regret and alarm, occasioned by the notification of your Excellency's resignation, con-

veyed to the House of Assembly in your message of 15th ultimo.

If that policy which has aroused such a universal burst of loyal feeling, expression and action, throughout Upper Canada, whereby rebellion against the Crown has been crushed, and Foreign invasion repelled, be a just cause for depriving Her Majesty's Subjects in this Colony of a wise and efficient Governor, and our Sovereign of his talented services in this important portion of the British Empire, at a time when a combination of every great quality, with a local and political knowledge of the country, is requisite, we must, with all due humility and submission to the Laws we respect, but in the determination of upholding our glorious connection with the Mother Country and British Supremacy, reiterate our heartfelt regret at your Excellency's resignation, and our fears that the steps taken by our Colonial Minister, and that line of policy required by him, must have been guided by the misrepresentations of our enemies, and the want of due knowledge in the affairs of the Colony.

We believe it will be gratifying to your Excellency to be assured, that should the insolent and unprincipled spirit of encroachment displayed by the United States of America, lead them to attempt any further aggression on the shores of Canada, we shall not hesitate, in defence of the admirable Constitution and good Laws under which we live, to give all our energies, and hasten all our exertions, in repelling the insult and defending our Country, Laws and Constitution.

We believe that the important events that have happened in this Province, during the administration of your Excellency, will long be remembered with deep interest, and will long have a most important influence upon the interests and prosperity of the British Possessions in North America.

We earnestly trust that your departure from among us will be but temporary; that our Gracious Monarch will be pleased to command a continuation of your valuable services, and that you may return among us exalted and invigorated with renewed powers.

To the whole of the foregoing Addresses His Excellency returned the following reply, verbally explaining to the respective Deputations, that feeling it to be his duty not to write any thing on the subject of his retirement from the Government of the Province which could tend to agitate that question, he had resolved to give but one answer to whatever valedictory Addresses he might receive.

GENTLEMEN:

I sincerely thank the Inhabitants of———, for the very gratifying expressions respecting my administration of the Government of this Province, which are contained in their Address.

ADDENDA.

The following Addresses, from Legislative and other public Bodies, had they been received in time, would have been placed with those of a similar description, at page 15.

Address delivered by the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly, at the prorogation of the Provincial Parliament, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, previously to the delivery of the Speech from the Throne.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, have granted to our Sovereign Lady the Queen the Supplies necessary to enable Her Majesty to carry on the Civil Government of this Province for the present year.

Upon looking back at the various important communications which have been made by your Excellency to the House of Assembly during the present Session, we cannot but congratulate you and the country, upon the firm and noble attitude assumed by your Excellency in all those public documents which have emanated from your Excellency.

When we reflect upon the occurrences that have taken place in Upper Canada, and upon its borders, within a few months past, and upon the distinguished part taken by your Excellency to maintain the honor and interests of our country, during that short but eventful period, we find equal cause of gratulation. Rebellion has been crushed—the attacks of perfidious citizens of a foreign power, have been repelled, and peace reigns triumphant within the bounds of your Excellency's Government. We trust that the pro-

visions of the Militia Law, to which your Excellency has just given the Royal Assent, may, under Divine Providence, contribute to the preservation of this loyal portion of the British Empire from the aggression of all enemies, whether foreign or domestic.

From the message of your Excellency transmitted to both Houses of the Legislature, we have too much reason to believe, that the present will be the last time we ever shall have the honor of meeting your Excellency on an occasion like the present. In the name of the people of this Province, I offer to Your Excellency the expression of their deep regret, that your Excellency should have felt constrained to tender to Her Majesty your resignation of the Government of this Province, which your Excellency has administered with so much credit to yourself and advantage to the country. The people of Upper Canada will ever retain a grateful recollection of the services of your Excellency; and they feel assured Your Excellency will meet with a due reward at the hands of our youthful and beloved Queen.

It now only remains for me to present to Your Excellency, for the Royal Assent, the bill to provide for the support of the Civil Government of this Province for the current year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Halifax, 6th *Feb.* 1838.

SIR,

At the request of the Legislative Council of this Province, I have the pleasure to transmit to your Excellency the enclosed resolutions of that Honorable Body, expressing their high admiration of the energetic measures adopted by your Excellency to suppress the recent rebellious outbreak in Upper Canada, and offering their thanks to Colonel Allan Napier MacNab,

and the Militia under his command, for their gallant conduct on that occasion.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
Humble servant,
C. CAMPBELL.

His Excellency Sir FRANCIS BOND HEAD,
Baronet, &c. &c. &c. Toronto.

Legislative Council Chamber,
29th January, 1838.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ousley—

Resolved unanimously—That while the Members of this House view with the deepest regret the existence of rebellion in the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, they cannot refrain from expressing the gratification they have derived from those warm and animating displays of universal loyalty and attachment to the British Constitution and Government, to which it has given occasion throughout the British North American Colonies.

Resolved unanimously—That the grateful acknowledgments of this House ought to be immediately conveyed to His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, for the penetration with which he discovered, and the firm, prompt and energetic manner, in which he baffled and defeated the mad designs of traitorous men, to rob and murder those who prefer the blessings of the British Government to Republican Institutions, but more especially for the noble-minded reliance upon the courage and loyalty of the people alone, by which he was enabled to render most important aid towards the suppression of the unnatural rebellion in Lower Canada.

Resolved unanimously—That the thanks of this House are also due to Colonel Allan Napier MacNab, and the loyal Militia of Upper Canada, for their gallant conduct in crushing in its infancy this rebellious attempt, and in exhibiting a noble example of the spirit with which Her Majesty's North American Subjects are determined to preserve their connection with their Mother Country, and to put down all endeavours to weaken or destroy it.

Resolved unanimously—That this House view with astonishment and regret, the support and assistance, which in a time of profound peace and amity between the two Governments, have been afforded to the expatriated rebels by many citizens of the American Union, and this House trusts, that the efforts of the General Government of the United States will not be remitted, until such of its citizens as have been guilty of so unjustifiable a violation of the existing treaty and the law of nations, shall be punished with that severity which they deserve.

Resolved unanimously—That while this House recognize in the British Soldier that devotion to his Sovereign and Country which has led to the effectual suppression of the rebellion in Lower Canada, and also to a long and dreary march at this inclement season, they cannot but rejoice that the absence of the Troops from the Upper Province has afforded gratifying and irresistible evidence of the deep-rooted attachment of the people to the British Constitution.

Resolved unanimously—That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to transmit these resolutions to His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

CLERK.

Legislative Council Chamber,
31st January, 1838.

Resolved—That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Ratchford, do wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and present to him the address and resolutions agreed to on the 29th of this present month of January.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,
CLERK.

To His Excellency, SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We the undersigned, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Constitutional Association of Quebec, having been informed that your Excellency is about to retire from the Government of Upper Canada, feel ourselves impelled, as well by a sense of justice to your Excellency's person, as by a sense of duty to our beloved Queen, to express our deep regret at your Excellency's intended departure; and although circumstances have placed your Excellency beyond our reach for the more intimate and private relations of life, yet upon public grounds we feel ourselves called upon to acquaint your Excellency, that we deeply deplore the causes which have led your Excellency to resign the high and important station you have held in our Sister Province, the duties of which you have so ably and so faithfully discharged.

The passing events in Upper Canada could not but be regarded by us as of the most vital importance to this Province, and entertaining this view, we have

watched with the utmost anxiety your Excellency's administration. We have followed you through your prosperous career, and particularly during the eventful period of the late rebellion, as whilst recording as we now do, by this Address, our admiration of your public conduct, we venture to express the hope, that Her Majesty's Ministers will at length be convinced that the principles of the British Constitution alone are applicable to the good government of these Provinces.

At a time when Constitutional Government has led to such happy results, from the exercise of a sound discretion, accompanied by a dignified and uncompromising course of policy, which has conspicuously marked your Excellency's administration in Upper Canada, we are irresistibly led to attribute the present deplorable condition of the British and Irish inhabitants of this Province to a weak and vacillating policy, so directly opposite to that pursued by your Excellency.

We, therefore, deeply sympathise with the inhabitants of our Sister Province on the loss they will so universally feel on the occasion of your Excellency's departure.

In respectfully offering our sincere wishes for your Excellency's future happiness, and that of Lady Head and Family, we feel that we speak the sentiments of the whole body of Constitutionalists in this District, in expressing the hope, nay, the conviction, that your valuable talents will ever be enlisted in behalf of these Provinces, and that the important services you have already rendered to Upper Canada, and the Empire at large, will receive that well merited reward, the approbation of our most Gracious and beloved Queen.

(Signed) A. STUART, *Chairman.*
W. BRISTON, *Secretary.*

Province of Lower Canada,
Quebec, 24th February, 1838.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We the undersigned, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, of the First Company of Saint John's Loyal Volunteers, Light Infantry, residing at St. Johns, in the Province of Lower Canada, cannot possibly refrain from addressing your Excellency, in consequence of understanding, by the public Press, that you are about to retire from the Government of Upper Canada.

We beg leave to express our sincere regret, that your Excellency has found it necessary to solicit your recall, knowing, as we do, that the best interests of the Sister Province, as well as her peace, prosperity and happiness, are commingled with those of our own.—Your Excellency's straight-forward policy has been our admiration, at the first commencement of your Excellency's career in this hemisphere. Your Excellency's honest, uniform and constitutional conduct, has been most gratifying to us, who profess a firm and steady attachment to Her Majesty's Crown and Government; most particularly we must expatiate on the prompt, manly and spirited effort, displayed by your Excellency in frustrating, and finally quelling, a most unnatural rebellion, which had reared its head in that improving Country over which His late Majesty, of happy memory, had placed your Excellency.

Your Excellency had declared, "that the British Constitution should be preserved inviolate," that pledge has been redeemed, and the machinations of evil and designing men destroyed, and their base schemes rendered abortive; and no greater proof can be produced, to shew the estimation in which your Excel-

lency was held by the people of Upper Canada, than the spontaneous muster of local force to support your Excellency's command on a late occasion; and in this feeling we most truly participate.

We now take leave of your Excellency, expressing our confidence that you will receive the approbation of our Gracious Queen, and the loyal and thinking part of the people of Great Britain, for the conscientious performance of the arduous duty for which your Excellency was so eminently calculated, by your Excellency's transcendent talents, to discharge.

We beg to add our most cordial and sincere wishes for the health and happiness of your Excellency, and your amiable Family, and to wish you a propitious voyage to old England.

COLDWATER, 8th February, 1838.

Address to His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, K. C. H. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c. from the Chippawa Chiefs of Lakes Huron and Simcoe.*

FATHER—We speak to you in the name of our warriors, and of our women and children.

FATHER—We feel lonely to hear you are about to embark in one of the great wooden canoes, to cross the salt lake, to your home.

FATHER—When you first came to this, once the land of our Fathers, we rejoiced to take you by the hand, and you gladdened our hearts by saying you would take the same care of us which our gone-away Father had done.

FATHER—We are aware that you have been deeply engaged, and that you have had great trouble with your white children, and for this reason we believe it

has not been in your power to continue that good work for us which you intended.

FATHER—We wish you to tell our new Father of the arrangements we made when we gave up our lands at Coldwater and the Narrows, so that he may prevent our white brethren from taking our buildings.

FATHER—We have heard that the Big Knives, by their late bad behaviour, are likely to displease our Great Mother the Queen—if this be the case, and the red-coats raise the war-cry, our war-clubs shall be unburied, our faces painted, and the *pale-faced* Big Knives shall again feel that the hearts of the red men of the forest are English.

FATHER—Do not forget to tell our Great Mother that even the little instruction we have received from the Great Spirit's good book, (the Bible) has taught us not to cut the hair from off our enemies heads, as our heathen ancesters did, and that when we fight we shall act as the civilized do.

FATHER—We now salute you, and we pray that the Great Master of life may be kind to you, that He may bless you with a long and good journey under the *blue* sky, and endless happiness above it.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the coloured Inhabitants of Hamilton and its vicinity, having heard with unfeigned regret, that your Excellency is about to leave this Province, feel ourselves called upon to address your Excellency on an occasion of the most poignant sorrow to all of us.

Having experienced the blessings of living under your Excellency's most paternal administration of the Government of this Province, the benefits we have received will be remembered by our children's children with heartfelt gratitude, that Providence mercifully sent your Excellency hither, to succour the oppressed and liberate the captive.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our most devoted loyalty and attachment to the British Constitution, as under no other Government whatever, could we enjoy such extensive privileges and protection, and for which we can assure your Excellency, we are truly grateful, and in proof of which, we are ready at any time to sacrifice our lives in defence of that Government. And as we voluntarily left our homes and took up arms to defend this Province from an expected attack from rebels and pirates assembled on Navy Island, we shall at all times be among the foremost to answer any call that may be made upon us, either to suppress rebellion in the British Provinces, or aggression by a foreign enemy.

We beg most sincerely to thank your Excellency for the humane and prompt manner in which your Excellency acted in the case of a coloured man of the Town of Hamilton, Jesse Happy, who was claimed by the American authorities, and whom you released from prison, and most nobly refused to surrender up to slavery—setting a bright example to our Republican and Democratic neighbours, of determined, stern Monarchical justice.

We now most respectfully and sorrowfully bid farewell to your Excellency, and poor as we are, trust we shall never prove insolvents in gratitude for benefits received; and rest assured, that wherever your lot may be cast, you will have the prayers of the coloured Inhabitants of Hamilton and parts adjacent, offered up to Divine Providence for the happiness of yourself and Family.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the principal Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations Indians, residing at the Grand River, in the Gore District, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency, and to express our sincere regret in learning that your Excellency is shortly to resign the Government of this Province, and leave for England.

Although your Excellency's stay in this Province has not been long, it will be marked as the most important period in the history of Upper Canada.—Your extended views for the improvement of this fine country, and the introduction of population and capital from the old country, must claim the admiration of all who desire to see it flourish as a British Colony,—and may it long continue to form part of that country to which our ancestors, from their earliest connection, clung with devoted loyalty.

By your prompt and energetic measures, an unnatural rebellion has been put down. Our friends, the Militia of the country, behaved nobly—they instantly flew to your call,—our warriors were ready to have fought by their side.

We regret your departure the more, as our interests and improvements as a rude people depend much upon the care and attention of the Executive of the country. Your Excellency has devoted much of your valuable time and attention to the improvement and wants of the red children of the forest, and particularly to the Six Nations, who now address you ;—

and may your Excellency's liberal views, for the improvement of the poor Indians, be as heartily entertained by your successor, as they have been sincerely commenced.

And when your Excellency reaches the shore of your home, convey to our Sovereign—our youthful Queen—that her red children of the forest are loyal, and that they feel, and largely appreciate, the kind and paternal protection of the British Government, between whom and the Six Nations the chain of friendship, although of long standing, has not been allowed to rust.

In approaching your Excellency to bid you farewell, the Six Nations take this opportunity of returning you their sincere thanks for your kind care and consideration of their wants; and they pray the Great Spirit to protect and reward you.

Address of the Patriotic Highlanders of Lochiel, to His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, Baronet, &c. &c.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the loyal, patriotic and true-hearted Highlanders, of that part of Glengarry called Lochiel, in the Eastern District,—sons of the heath-clad mountains of old Scotia, who never turn our backs on either our friends or our foes, do, in all loyalty and sincere affection, humbly approach your Excellency as the worthy and unflinching representative of our most gracious Queen, to express our abhorrence of the foul and unnatural rebellion, which has raised its hydra head in both the Lower and Upper Province of this excellent Country. We are certain that the vigilant and precautionary measures which your Excellency has adopted, will no doubt, ultimately crush the wretches who have thus unblushingly raised the standard of rebellion. But should, in the meantime, our humble but sincere efforts be needed, we swear by the memory of the past,—by the blessings of the present—by the hope of the future—by all that is worthy of ourselves, and of being transmitted down to our posterity,—that we are all, to a man, ready at a moment's warning, to march against the incendiaries and rebels of this our adopted Country, and either to triumph or fall nobly in the strife; and hand down immaculate to our posterity, the liberty, laws and religion, of our forefathers,—that liberty, that religion and those laws, that they heroically died to defend, and sealed with their blood.

Whenever called upon by your Excellency, and that circumstances of necessity require it, we shall ever be found at the post of duty, ready to be instrumental in either putting down or exterminating the deluded and rebellious wretches who have most impiously rushed to arms in order to break through all laws, divine and human,—to bring into contempt the dignity of our beloved and most gracious young Queen—to subvert the laws of our beloved Country—and to overturn our glorious Constitution, the pride and envy of the world.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Brave and Loyal Highlanders of Lochiel:

The few remaining rebels who dared to insult the authorities of this noble portion of the British Empire, have absconded from its dominions, and the only enemies we have now to encounter, are a band of pirates who, under American leaders, have invaded our territory for the avowed object of plundering our lands and subverting our revered institutions.

I feel confident, if this unprincipled aggression should continue, that in one body you will advance to exterminate the perfidious invaders of our liberties, or like Highlanders, perish

"With your backs to the field,
And your feet to the foe,
And leaving in battle
No blot on your name,
Look proudly to Heaven
From the death-bed of fame!"

Government House,
13th January, 1838.

(The Addresses presented to the Lieutenant Governor, contain upwards of FOURTEEN THOUSAND signatures.)

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